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VITAL WEEK AS SAINTS TASTE DEFEAT

CLOSE MATCH: Saints' Victor Wanyama tussles with Heung-Min Son of Bayer Leverkusen.

SAINTS face a vital week in their Premier League preparations after losing their final pre-season friendly 1-0 to Bayer Leverkusen at St Mary's.

There was little to choose between Saints and their German opponents, with Graziano Pelle's unfortunate own goal on 57 minutes separating the sides at the final whistle.

Ronald Koeman, whose side suffered what was a first taste of defeat in pre-season, now has just over a week to prepare his side for facing Liverpool at Anfield in their Premier League opener.

It is expected to be a busy week at St Mary's with Fraser Forster set to seal a £10m move to become the club's new number one, while work continues to sign a centre half and a striker.

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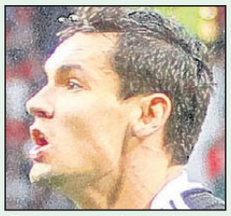

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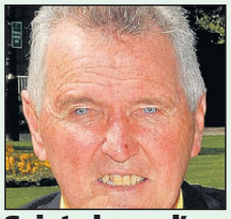

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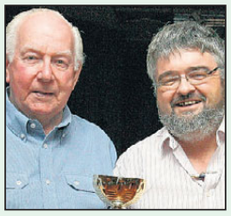

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Saints Spotlight

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WHAT WILL DEFEAT MEAN FOR RON'S PLANS?

REACTION: Saints boss Ronald Koeman during the 1-0 defeat.

SAINTS suffered their first defeat of pre-season as they were beaten 1-0 by Bayer Leverkusen at St Mary's.

After five successive wins for Ronald Koeman leading into the game, the Germans proved just too strong and edged out a victory in Saints' final warm-up game, courtesy of Graziano Pelle's own goal early in the second half.

There is still work to do for Koeman and the club over the next week, before the Premier League season kicks off against Liverpool at Anfield.

Celtic keeper Fraser Forster is expected to finally complete his signing in a £10m move, while a centre half and a striker also remain top transfer priorities for the club.

Bayer Leverkusen had the first chance of the game as they pressed forward after just two minutes allowing Hakan Calhanoglu the chance to shoot from the edge of the area but it was deflected just wide.

There was not too much goal-mouth action in the opening stages of the game as both teams played some fluent football up until the final third where it all came a little unstuck.

Koeman's side were playing a fluid formation, that at times appeared to be a 4-1-4-1 with Victor Wanyama sat in front of the back four, but quickly moved to a 4-2-3-1 when Steven Davis dropped back in to help defend.

Saints created their first opening from a set piece on 21 minutes.

Dusan Tadic whipped in an inswinging left footed corner that found its way to Maya Yoshida eight yards out.

He fired low towards goal but was prevented from scoring the opener by the post.

Just a few minutes later Leverkusen launched a quick counter attack that ended with Karim Bellarbi curling a shot from 20 yards just wide of Artur Boruc's goal.

Saints threatened to break through on 32 minutes as James Ward-Prowse closed in on a high lobbed ball over the top but keeper Bernd Leno was alert to the danger and charged out of his area, just managing to shut out the danger before the midfielder could finish.

The Leverksuen stopper was in business again a minute later, having to back-pedal quickly to turn Tadic's chip over the bar.

That proved to be the last attacking action of the first half which ended, quite fairly, goalless.

Leverkusen made five changes at the break, but Koeman sent out the same side for the second period as he looked to blend his team as a unit.

But it was bad news as, on 57 minutes, Saints fell behind, conceding an odd own goal.

Calhanoglu mishit a right footed corner and the ball bounced before it had even reached the near post.

Graziano Pelle was on hand to deal with it on the edge of the six yard box but as he sank down to try and meet it the ball hit him and deflected goalwards, where Boruc was beaten.

Koeman responded by making a double change, with Gaston Ramirez and new signing Saphir Taider replacing Ward-Prowse and Lloyd Isgrove.

The pair linked up well after just a few minutes, Ramirez flicking a pass back to Taider whose early shot from 20 yards took a deflection and looped just over the bar.

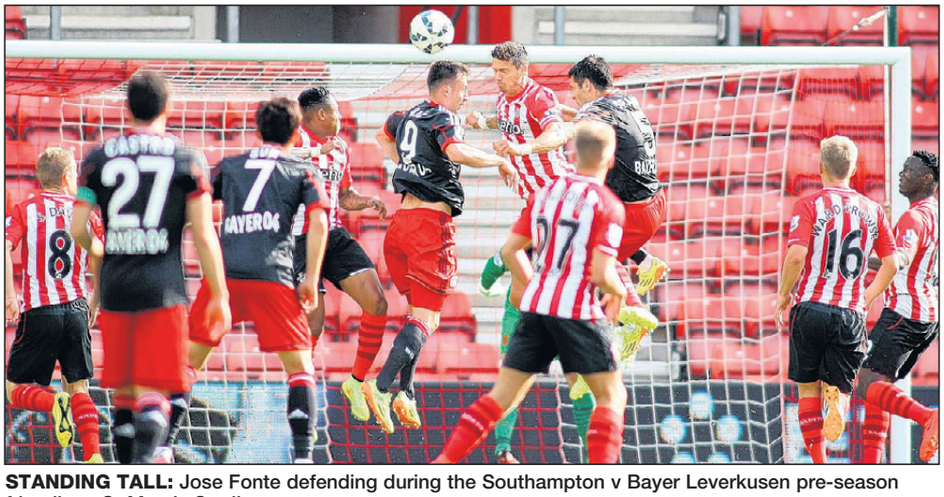
After another series of five changes from Leverkusen, Ramirez went close himself, cutting in from the right and unleashing a left footed shot that went narrowly over the bar.

Saints made two further substitutions on 77 minutes as Jack Cork and Emmanuel Mayuka came on for Victor Wanyama and Steven Davis, with Taider dropping into a slightly deeper role and Mayuka more advanced.

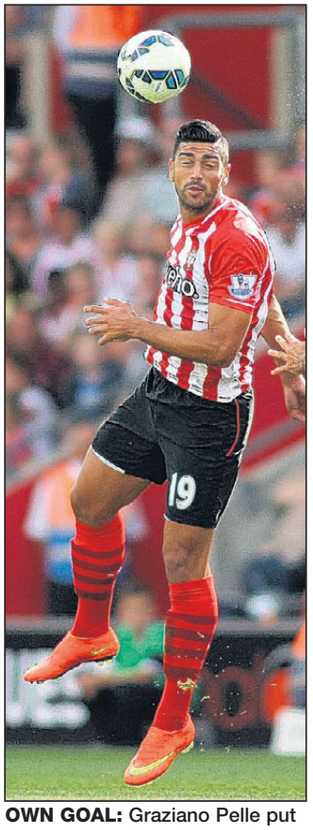
Saints were lucky not to go further behind on 80 minutes as Julian Brandt breezed past Yoshida and tried to lift a shot towards goal that wasn't powerful enough to outpace the back-tracking Ryan Bertrand, who cleared the danger.

Saints managed some late pressure on the Leverkusen area but couldn't muster an equaliser as they rounded off their pre-season preparations with a first taste of defeat this summer.

Saints: Boruc, Clyne, Fonte, Yoshida, Bertrand, Wanyama (Cork 77), S Davis (Mayuka 77), Ward-Prowse (Ramirez 61), Tadic, Isgrove (Taider 61), Pelle.



STANDING TALL: Jose Fonte defending during the Southampton v Bayer Leverkusen pre-season friendly at St Mary's Stadium. *Picture: Chris Moorhouse*



OWN GOAL: Graziano Pelle put through his own posts.

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Non-league Action

REASON TO BE CHEERFUL

Jai nets Spitfires' first-ever Conference Premier goal in 3-0 winning start

HISTORIC MOMENT: Jai Reason slots the ball past the Nuneaton Town keeper for Eastleigh's first goal. ***Pictures: Ian Hinchliffe***

JAI Reason scored Eastleigh's first-ever goal in the Conference Premier and Craig Stanley curled in a debut goal as the Spitfires got off to the perfect start with a 3-0 win at Nuneaton Town, *writes PETER HOWARD*

Ben Strevens notched the other at Liberty Way with a superb effort in the box.

Richard Hill named an attacking team at Liberty Way with new signings Jack Midson, James Constable as well as some of the old guard, Stuart Fleetwood and Reason, leading the Spitfires' strong front line.

Paul Reid made his debut alongside captain Dean Beckwith at centre-back and ex-Aldershot man Stanley lined-up with Strevens in midfield.

Eastleigh started on the attack, left-back Michael Green delivering a dangerous long throw that found Reason, whose attempted turn and shot was blocked out. Stanley met the clearance with a shot that was, again, cut out.

The Spitfires' early positive work was almost undone on nine minutes as Nuneaton right wing-back Jorrin John met a low cross from Connor Franklin on the right flank, and smashed a shot against Ross Flitney's crossbar.

And the home-side were lively again as the ball was played out to Franklin, who again delivered to the back-post – this time finding striker Andy Brown. He controlled and fired at Flitney, who parried out – right-back Dan Spence cleared.

Nuneaton put Eastleigh under increasing pressure and Hill was becoming anxious as he skulked around his technical area.

But his concerns were allayed when Eastleigh created their first clear-cut chance. Green scooped the ball over the Nuneaton defence and last season's top-scorer Reason was ready to pounce as he flicked the ball past stopper Reice Charles-Cooke on 19 minutes.

Fleetwood then took his first shot of the afternoon, lashing a long-ranger just past the top right of the goal. Strevens fired a shot that was well held by the keeper and Nuneaton went on the attack, which ended in a cross that Flitney held well.

Another chance saw a Reason corner find Beckwith, the ball spinning narrowly wide from his flicked header.

Spitfires' first-half in the Conference Premier saw a resolute performance from the defence – apart from a couple of moments when Nuneaton broke through – and throughout the passing and attacking play developed well.

After the restart Nuneaton came out looking for the equaliser and were dangerous down their left wing. The match opened up with both sides looking dangerous going forward.

Fleetwood and Midson linked up well on the break and the former was greeted with a clear chance at goal, which was palmed upwards and skimmed off the bar out for a corner.

From that corner on 55 minutes Stanley doubled Eastleigh's advantage. Midson played to the debutant on the edge of the box. He took one touch and curled it round the outstretched arm of stopper Charles-Cooke.

Nuneaton had a golden chance on 69 minutes to get back in the game but Andy Brown's flashed header went wide of the post.

In the last 20 minutes Strevens got the third as the ball was lofted over the Nuneaton defence – the experienced midfield man controlled and lashed into the top right of the net.

It should have been four but substitute Ben Wright couldn't convert from Craig McAllister's square ball in the box on 87 minutes.

THIRD: The players celebrate Ben Strevens' goal.

Nuneaton (5-3-2): Reice Charles-Cooke, Jorrin John, Connor Franklin (Anton Brown 62), Gavin Cowan (Delroy Gordon 66), Gareth Dean (C), Adam Walker, James Armson, Jack Dyer (Ben Hutchinson 60), Magno Viera, Andy Brown, Theo Streete. Unused subs: James Wren, Ben Starosta.

Eastleigh (4-2-3-1): Ross Flitney, Dan Spence, Michael Green, Dean Beckwith (C), Craig Stanley (Ben Wright 79), James Constable (Will Evans 72), Jai Reason, Jack Midson (Craig McAllister 60), Stuart Fleetwood, Ben Strevens, Paul Reid. Unused subs: Yemi Odubade, Lewis Noice.

Callum gets Cherries off to a flyer

DEBUTANT Callum Wilson scored twice and missed a penalty as Cherries opened their Championship campaign with a resounding 4-0 win over Huddersfield.

Striker Wilson, a summer signing from Coventry, netted a goal in each half which, combined with efforts from Marc Pugh and Yann Kermorgant, gave Eddie Howe's men a straightforward victory at the John Smith's Stadium.

It was the first time that Cherries had scored four goals away from home on the opening day since 1932.

Goalkeeper Lee Camp was deemed fit following a thigh injury, while new recruits Dan Gosling and Junior Stanislas were named on the bench.

Elliott Ward earned a place in the squad after recovering from a long-term knee problem.

Huddersfield were without striker James Vaughan and centre-half Anthony Gerrard due to injuries, while Adam Clayton – seemingly on the brink of a move away from the John Smith's – was left out.

Cherries got their season off to the best possible start after less than 30 seconds.

Found by Simon Francis, winger Matt Ritchie cut inside off the right flank and floated in a cross for the unmarked Pugh, who controlled calmly before sliding past Alex Smithies.

The hosts found it hard to shackle Ritchie early on and the former Portsmouth man had several efforts, the best of which saw him pull just wide of the left post.

Camp was forced into his first save following a speculative strike from wing-back Adam Hammill, but that was a rare home effort in the opening half hour as Huddersfield struggled to break through the two banks of four.

With the home crowd silenced, Cherries twisted the knife in the 32nd minute.

Latching on to a long ball from skipper Tommy Elphick, Wilson beat Joel Lynch down the right, before charging inside and slotting beyond Smithies on the angle.

The Terriers vainly attempted to hit back as Danny Ward brought a diving save out of Camp, before midfielder Oliver Norwood went even closer when he rattled the crossbar with an audacious effort from 30 yards.

Cherries effectively put the game to bed five minutes into the second period.

Following good hold-up play by Wilson, Eunan O'Kane swung in a delicious deep cross and although Pugh's header was repelled by Smithies, Kermorgant was on hand to apply the simple finish.

Huddersfield might have pulled one back when newly-appointed captain Lee Peltier nodded Norwood's corner goalwards, but Camp batted the ball into the ground.

A later Norwood delivery resulted in a smarter save from Camp when the visiting stopper tipped over a thumping header from defender Matt Crooks.

Moments later, it was 4-0. Ritchie was tight to the touchline when he swept in a searching delivery that Wilson prodded just inside the near post.

Wilson could have completed his treble with 15 minutes to play, but after he was brought down by Smithies, the former Sky Blues hitman struck his spot kick straight at the keeper.

MATCH FACTS:

Cherries: Camp; Francis, Elphick, Cook, Daniels; Ritchie, Arter, O'Kane, Pugh (Stanislas, 90); Kermorgant (Gosling, 82), Wilson (Rantie, 82).

Unused subs: Harte, Ward, Pitman, Buchel (g/k).

Booked: Cook.

Terriers: Smithies; Crooks, Peltier, Lynch; Hammill (Scannell, h-t), Norwood, Hogg (Coady, 69), Majewski (Lolley, 57), Dixon; Ward, Wells.

Unused subs: Wallace, Smith, Stead, Murphy (g/k).

Booked: Smithies.

Referee: Scott Duncan (Tyne and Wear).

Attendance: 12,371.

MORE SAINTS NEWS IN MONDAY'S *DAILY ECHO*

Nothing you hear from a lips can be trusted any

BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

BY DAREN WHEELER

AUGUST has finally arrived with us and, with it, the final pre-season friendly.

This year, August seems to have limped passively over the finishing line.

I can seldom remember such a dismal, negative start to a season, especially when you consider the last one ended with such optimism.

You can argue, perhaps, that optimism was falsely placed by the outgoing chairman and that clubs like Southampton should know their place.

The sad truth about the 2014/15 season is that any sense of romance or belief has been battered out of football.

Quite simply, this summer has been a game changer.

No longer can you, the football fan, believe anything a footballer says.

Last season we were continuously told of the exceptional team spirit Southampton Football Club had.

Moving forward as one, they were as one.

That was, of course, a lie.

No sooner had Rickie Lambert made enquiries about leaving for Liverpool then the rats started to leave the ship.

ADAM LALLANA

Adam Lallana was signing Liverpool shirts whilst out in Brazil and Dejan Lovren's head had been in Liverpool since September.

Nothing you hear from a footballer's lips can be trusted anymore and, sadly, that's the lasting legacy of the Southampton 5.

No longer can you, the football fan, expect anything other than a good cup run/cup win from your club.

Winning the title or qualifying for Europe is the preserve of the big five only and should you show any ambition to aim in that direction you will be slapped down damn quickly.

God help you if you run a football club properly, if you build an Academy, set up a state of the art training facility and look to invest and build for the future.

This is England, for crying out loud.

You need results and you need them right now.

And if you can't get them right now, buy them right now!

No longer can you, the football fan, expect anything of the national team.

Pre Brazil, there was at least hope.

That hope was quickly extinguished when Roy Hodgson discarded the players that had shown so much promise in the games leading up to the tournament and replaced them with the same old, same old.

There was no hunger and no desire in the squad in Brazil, just more of the same.

These players had nothing to prove, they're all on obscenely large wages so where is the incentive?

When you're a multi-millionaire, where is the desire to gain something that money just can't buy… Glory.

The harsh truth is that whilst the Premier League is forever touted as being "The best in the world" it's effectively, slowly, killing off the national game.

No longer can you, the football fan, believe the FA and the Premier League are interested in anything that even remotely resembles fairness.

The financial fair play initiative is nothing more than a slammed door. It's only effect is to effectively draw a line in the sand between the haves and have nots.

Only if you already have set up the size of your Manchester Uniteds, your Liverpools or your Chelseas, can you now compete.

To compete under the financial fair play regulations you'd have to slowly build your club up over years and years, and even then you're restricted to increasing your wage bill by no more than £4m a year, which is the equivalent of one

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£77,000 a week player.

The top five clubs already have a massive fanbase, which lead to massive sponsorship/shirt deals that, quite simply, the likes of Southampton just can't compete with.

The rape and pillaging of Southampton Football Club show just how little the powers that be actually care about financial fair play.

Surely if the club state they haven't received a formal bid and yet the player is fully aware of the interest from the club, then the player has surely been approached illegally?

Surely the interested party is simply making their approach via the media?

Why bother tapping a player up when you can simply get the media to plant the seed on your behalf?

If you doubt that, then look at the massive amount of coverage Saints got over the summer.

You can't tell me that was a coincidence?

But whilst this summer has been one of relentless negativity, it's also one of hope.

As a Saints fan I always found the expectation rather concerning.

This season, everyone expects us to struggle and that's when Southampton FC is at its best, when our backs are against the wall and everyone expects us to fail.

MATT LE TISSIER

You, the Southampton fan, have a decision to make.

Are you a football fan or customer?

Do you buy your ticket regardless of who's playing for us and get behind the team, or do you ask for a refund as you feel you've been misled?

If you got behind the team in League One and the Championship, then the chances are you'll be at St Mary's this season.

Yes, it is bitterly disappointing the way things have transpired but, sadly, that is modern football, money talks more than anything else.

That footballer whose name you have on the back of your shirt is an employee, nothing more.

You had Matthew Le Tissier and, to a certain extent, he spoilt you.

Players come, players go.

They will no doubt tell you what you want to hear when they come and they will no doubt spin the same to the club they leave us for.

It's a sad indictment of modern football that the relationship that fans had with players is now gone.

Who cares about the young children who have Lallana or Lovren on the back of their shirts?

These players have what they want, who cares if they leave behind broken hearts and disappointed football fans?

Sadly they should, but they don't. The old heroes have left, new heroes take their place.

That is life, that is football.

Bring on the new season…

As a Saints fan I always found the expectation rather concerning

SUMMER MOVE: Dejan Lovren's body eventually joined his head at Liverpool.

of the Saints 5

Adam Rant

This week's big talking points with **Adam Leitch**

Lifetime ban is unfair on Lance

ADAM Rant is not a big TV watcher. Indeed, days, sometimes weeks, can go by without the television going on, but recently it has had some work to do with two Lance Armstrong documentaries being shown.

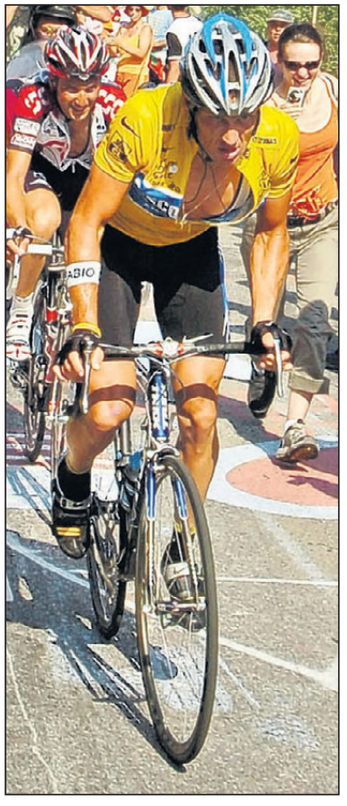
They were both relatively interesting insights into the drug cheat who was stripped of his seven Tour de France titles, and most definitely thought provoking.

Adam Rant has to admit to having a real crisis of conscience when it comes to Armstrong.

Having read so much about that era in professional cycling, a sport which quite openly has had various substance abuses for generations and generations before that, going back 50 or 60 years, it's hard to feel utterly appalled by Armstrong's actions when it comes to doping to win.

His lying and the way he bullied those who knew the truth was disgusting, but in terms of the pure sport, it's a tough call.

It was an era where everybody was at it. That doesn't make it right, or justify it, but it does add an interesting context.



LANCE ARMSTRONG

In Tours where almost everyone was doping, did he win them anyway?

After the initial outpouring of hatred and bile towards Armstrong when he finally confessed what he'd done in the face of overwhelming evidence, there has been something of a softening of public opinion.

It very much goes along the lines of what was just said.

Indeed, a recent newspaper poll of former Tour de France winners found a surprisingly large number of them felt that Armstrong should be awarded his seven titles again.

That won't happen – it would look too much like a doping mandate from the world governing body, the UCI, whose testing these days is ridiculously more stringent and effective – but it's an interesting barometer of public opinion towards Armstrong.

Adam Rant has some sympathy, but it's only limited because of the way Armstrong behaved in trying to cover up his cheating.

What he does believe though is that his lifetime ban needs to be addressed.

You cannot have one rule for one person and one for another.

George Hincapie, Armstrong's right-hand man in his Tour wins, was also doping and got just six months thanks to co-operating with an investigation.

All right he hasn't made the same money and fame out of it as Armstrong, he didn't win seven Tour titles, he wasn't the poster boy for the sport, and he wasn't as aggressive in his pursuit of silencing the truth.

But nonetheless, he basically committed exactly the same offences.

Look across other sports too where you rarely see bans for dopers, even those guilty of the most extreme offences, rise above a couple of years.

You simply cannot justify Armstrong's lifetime ban from all sport in the face of these others.

If you are going to have rules, they have to apply across the board at all times, you cannot simply shape them to fit the circumstances.

Adam Rant is not necessarily against lifetime bans for dopers, but everybody has to be treated equally.

What, of course, is saddest in the Armstrong case is that the story of the cancer survivor to miracle Tour de France victor was in some part ruined.

But to many Armstrong remains a hero. He still did overcome that disease and rode his bike that well against others who were doing exactly the same thing.

Amazingly you come to the conclusion that there is no black and white in this case.

There will be some to whom he remains a great inspiration, and will always be a hero, and others who will be disgusted and revolted at the mere mention of his name.

It was interesting enough to fire up the TV for this debate.

England's super Bowl

MOMENTUM is a crazy thing in sport.

It really is an intangible, but so desperately important.

When you are doing badly you feel as if that's inevitable, as if it will never end, and everything seems to go against you.

When you are riding high you feel as if there is nothing that can happen that can derail you, as if the upward curve could continue forever.

The England cricket team are the perfect example.

After a horrible, truly awful ten Test matches, they finally get a win on the board against India at The Ageas Bowl.

Suddenly they pitch up for the next Test, the visitors make an interesting decision at the toss and England look rampant.

There are far bigger tests to come with South Africa and Australia on the horizon, certainly they will have far better pace attacks than India, but when you have that little thing called momentum behind you, you don't fear anybody.

Non-league Football

Non-league News

Ex-Spitfire in charge

FORMER Eastleigh midfielder Bertie Brayley has been appointed player-manager of Burnham Ramblers in the Ryman North Division One.

The 32-year-old ex-West Ham United trainee, pictured below, had two brief spells with the Spitfires in 2006 and 2009 and also names Canvey Island, Hornchurch, Margate and Braintree among his many former clubs.

He takes over at Burnham from Lee Elliston who resigned due to work commitments.

City exodus continues

SOUTHERN League Premier Division outfit Truro City have signed Ryan Brett from crisis club Salisbury City.

Brett, pictured below, a 23-year-old left-sided defender/midfielder, spent three seasons with the Whites and was part of the side that gained promotion to the Conference Premier.

He is currently sidelined with a broken foot but expects to feature in about four weeks.

Mac makes quick exit

FORMER Havant & Waterlooville defender Gary MacDonald has left Slough Town before kicking a competitive ball for the Rebels in the Ryman Premier.

A better offer came in from Hayes & Yeading United manager Phil Babb, pictured, offering the 34-year-old ex-Portsmouth trainee a deal that Slough couldn't compete with.

It was not just the finances that swayed MacDonald in Hayes' direction, but the chance to get involved on the management side at the Vanarama Conference South club.

CHALK LEFT STUNNED BY BROCKWAY EXIT

BEMERTON Heath Harlequins are in transition after losing a handful of the side that finished seventh in the Sydenhams Premier Division last term.

Danny Young has moved to title hopefuls Blackfield & Langley, while Kane O'Keefe and highly-rated frontman Joe Sanger are taking time out from football after becoming disillusioned with the game.

O'Keefe and Sanger have taken breaks before, so manager Ian Chalk wasn't entirely surprised to see history repeat itself.

But what has taken him aback is losing promising central midfielder Tyler Brockway to Division One neighbours Amesbury Town.

"Tyler joined us from Amesbury at Christmas last year and was a big player for us," said Chalk, pictured below.

"He got the manager's player-of-the-year award and also young player-of-the-year and we put a lot of kudos in him. But for some reason he's decided he wants to go and play with his mates.

"We offered him the best deal we could at our club and it's disappointing that a lad of his talent wants to drop down a level.

"That's no disrespect to Amesbury, I've got a lot of friends there, but Tyler should be plying his trade a bit higher. It's disappointing."

Had Blackfield had their way, Young would have been joined at Gang Warily by both Sanger and O'Keefe.

"They triedto sign all three of them," said Chalk. "But Kane played half a game for them in pre-season, damaged his back and that was that, and Joe was sat with me in a pub at the time when Blackfield claimed they'd signed him!

AMESBURY RETURN: Tyler Brockway, left.

"Lads are strange these days, they get a bit disillusioned and they don't enjoy the Wessex League.

"They want to try other things, whether that's socialising with their mates or watching Premier League.

"Kane and Joe might change their minds about playing for us again, but I've no arguments if they don't.

"They've both been brilliant for me, the same as Danny Young.

"That's football – and we start again.

"We'll see if we can build another side from scratch like the one we built five years ago with Kane and Joe in it."

Having become almost permanent fixtures in the Sydenhams Premier top bracket, Harlequins may have to readjust their sights while the latest wave of youngsters comes through.

Chalk, though, is happy to stay patient while his new-look side matures.

"We're not going to try and keep up with the Winchesters, Blackfields and Portchesters," he said.

"We're going build again from scratch – that's what most clubs have to do or else we'll all end up like Salisbury City spending money we haven't got!

"We've got Terry Pyke on board with our youth and reserves and we're really pleased with the youngsters we've got coming through.

"Terry was goalkeeping coach at Gosport Borough and he's been running youth teams in and around Salisbury for a long time.

"We've got a lad, Shaun Prentice, who's a really exciting talent. He plays wide right and he's very raw, but if he keeps his feet on the ground and knuckles down, he'll hopefully develop into a good player."

Asked if he would be recruiting any players from outside the club, Chalk – a veteran of more than 700 games during 15 years with Salisbury – said: "I'll probably look to bring in a couple more but, realistically, what does it get me? Players who want a bit of money and have no allegiance to the club.

"The money Blackfield were offering Joe Sanger was incredible at this standard and I can only see it ending in tears going down that route. It was much simpler when I was playing. Everyone got paid £50 and that was that.

"As Salisbury have showed, you can't spend the equivalent of 1,500 people coming through the gate when you're only getting crowds of 700.

"It would be nice to think a few Salisbury fans would come over to Harlequins now, but they weren't watching Salisbury, so why would they watch us?"

Jordan handed Seagulls captaincy

EASTLEIGH favourite Tom Jordan will be donning the captain's armband once this season – at Weston-super-Mare.

The towering defender, who loyally served Eastleigh for five years, has committed himself to the Seagulls for 2014/15 and been awarded the captaincy by head coach Micky Bell.

Jordan, pictured right, put pen to paper for the Vanarama Conference South club after an impressive pre-season that saw him collect man-of-the-match awards against Bristol City and Newport County.

Welcoming the move, the Bristol-based 33-year-old son of ex-Scotland, Manchester United and Saints forward, Joe, said: "Weston is a good club with some great young players coming through.

"We have a very tight-knit dressing room and I would appeal to our fans to get behind the club this season."

The Seagulls' director of football Ryan Northmore added: "Tom has been excellent throughout pre-season. He has a great attitude and a great character.

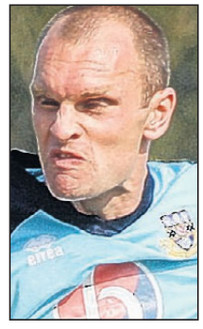
Bell, meanwhile, described Jordan as a "pivotal" signing and sees him as a leader for Weston's younger players on and off the pitch.

Jordan finally joined Eastleigh in the summer of 2008 after a long drawn-out and acrimonious departure from south coast rivals Havant & Waterlooville.

He became a great club ambassador and fans' favourite at the Silverlake, but the 2012 departure of Ian Baird as Eastleigh boss spelt the beginning of the end for the popular, 6ft 5in centre-back.

He was transfer-listed by Baird's successor Richard Hill in January 2013, making way for Dean Beckwith and Chris Todd who would become the backbone of Eastleigh's successful 2013/14 Conference South title charge.

Jordan left the following month for Paul Doswell's Sutton United.



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Tale of woe for Alresford Town in attack

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ALL things considered, it's been an upbeat summer for the new management team at Alresford Town.

But while co-boss Jeremy Stagg is happy with the squad assembled, he admits it has "all been a bit messy" on the attacking front.

While the Magpies are spoilt for choice in the midfield department, it's been a tale of woe for the strikers.

Ideally Stagg and joint manager Martin Beck would like to have made Andy Turner and Steve Brown their first-choice front two, but it hasn't worked out that way.

"We've had some bad luck," said Stagg.

"Andy Turner, one of seven or eight players to have come through from last season's reserve side, has picked up a bad knee injury and is going to be out for a couple of months.

"We'd hoped he and Steve Brown would be our first-choice pairing up front and Steve was looking very sharp in pre-season. But then he did his knee in against Totton in a friendly.

Nightmare

"It's been a nightmare with attackers because we haven't been able to form a partnership. It's all been very messy and we've had to readjust.

"We've got a young lad, Macaully Smith, on loan from Sholing and we've still got (wide midfielder) Dan Strange who can play up front as well as Danny Fox.

"We've signed a couple of lads from Colden Common too.

"Liam McGee, who's had Southern League experience with Fleet, plays off the front guys. He's had a problem with his ankle, but he's beginning to shrug it off.

"The other Colden Common lad Jordi Parker has got a lot of ability. He's had a few injury problems so has not had the availability over the last season or so, but he's getting over his injuries well. We're looking for big things from him if he keeps fit."

Stagg, a Rolls-Royce of a midfielder with Bashley in his heyday, also has high hopes for young Jack Hoey in the centre of the park.

"Jack was with Christchurch as a youth and reserve player and has also had a spell with New Milton. There were a few clubs after him," the co-boss explained.

"He's 19 years old and he's a strong, confident lad who likes to get forward.

"I'm pleased with our midfield options. We've got six or seven lads fighting for places and it's going to be difficult to choose.

"Harry Draycott, another of our ex-reserve players, is a good passer of the ball. I like Harry, he's my type of player."

Experience-wise Alresford still have fit-again Simon Everett, who has stayed on as captain, while Sammy Carter has winged across to Arlebury Park from league rivals Bemerton.

EXPERIENCE: Fit-again Simon Everett, right, captains Alresford this season.

STRIKER LIGHT ...

Dead ringer

Jamie Bentley – a dead ringer for his departed striker brother Warren – enjoyed a consistent pre-season in defence alongside another reserve team graduate Adam Carrick.

"Jamie's now got the chance to make a name for himself in this division," said Stagg.

"Jamie's dad Mark, who ran the under-18 side, and Grant Young are still here and have been a big help with all their advice, helping us settle into the club.

"We've also got coach Jamie Griggs, who ran Sholing under-18s a couple of years ago, and his son Joe who's a left-sided player.

"Martin (Beck) has signed on in case of emergencies but he's had trouble with his knee."

Given the scale of the rebuilding job undertaken by Stagg and Beck, it's likely to be a while before Alresford – winners of seven trophies over the last three seasons – collect their next piece of silverware.

But the club were rewarded for their patience by previous bosses Tim Cole and Danny Robinson who, from humble beginnings, transformed the Magpies into one of the most feared forces in the Sydenhams Premier.

Rebuilding

Cole and Robinson left for Winchester City in the summer, taking 11 of their players with them, while highly-rated centre-back Stuart Mott has stepped into the Southern League with Sholing.

"The majority of players have left, we've lost the reserves and we've got no youth side, so it's a big rebuilding job," said Stagg.

"It won't happen overnight but we'll get there slowly but surely.

"We're a young side, but there's a lot of quality in there.

"Whatever happens, the boys will gain experience this season which will stand them in good stead next year."

SENT OFF: Bemerton's Graham Mankin, left, saw red on the opening day of the Sydenhams Premier campaign.

Red mist descends on opening weekend

THE Sydenhams Premier Division season got off to an explosive start last weekend with a spate of red cards.

Alresford Town goalkeeper Jarid Hixon got his marching orders in the 3-0 defeat at Moneyfields and the dismissals of Lerone 'Rudy' Plummer and Wayne Boud reduced Fareham Town to nine men as Whitchurch United came back from behind to triumph 2-1 at Cams Alders.

There were more fireworks at Western Way, Bemerton where Heath's Graham Mankin and Peterfield Town's Alex Ward each picked up two yellows before Petersfield's Phil Archbold followed suit for protesting to the referee as the final whistle blew on a 1-1 draw.

Inevitably infuriated benches are already pointing the finger at poor officials, but Brockenhurst boss Pat McManus believes that some of his fellow managers are their own worst enemies.

Instead of showing patience with often young and inexperienced officials, they jump on them from the word 'go'

"It's something me and my assistant Tony Patten have spoken about," said McManus.

"We've noticed that certain managers are on the ref's back from minute one and they seem to make a point of doing it.

"A lot of them are more interested in what the ref is doing than in managing their own team.

"It puts a lot of pressure on the refs and then they (the managers) start moaning when their players get sent off."

The red mist descended again on Tuesday with Folland Sports paying the price for being reduced to nine men in a 3-2 home defeat by Premier Division new boys Andover Town – Jake Long and Will Harris getting their marching orders.

Moneyfields had Jake Morgan dismissed in the Portsmouth derby against Horndean and slumped to a 2-1 defeat.

Even McManus's Brockenhurst went down to ten men at Hamworthy United when Will Tickle headed for an early bath after collecting what the boss described as two "soft" yellow cards.

But Brock, leading 1-0 at the time, made light of the handicap and headed home 2-0 winners to make it six points out of six.

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Kemp vows to get back to basics

MANAGER Graham Kemp vowed to get back to basics after Hamworthy United had paid the price for their alarming defensive lapses in Tuesday's 2-0 defeat to Brockenhurst.

The unmarked Harry Jeffries converted a corner from close range in the seventh minute, a lead Brock might have extended before the break as Hammers struggled to defend set pieces, ***writes ANDY MITCHELL***.

Martin Warren spurned United's best chance of the first half, while the hard-working visitors stood up manfully to spells of second-half pressure before Brock winger Will Tickle was sent off for a second bookable offence eight minutes from time.

Dominic Allen's free kick drew a fine save from Badgers' goalkeeper Sam Cousins in the latter stages and, with a minute to play, Hamworthy substitute Ben Osborne inadvertently blocked a certain equaliser from one of his teammates.

But the game was up when Brock striker Daryll Phillips scrambled home a deep cross at Dan Ackerman's near post, consigning Kemp's charges to back-to-back defeats from their opening two Sydenhams Premier Division matches.

Kemp, pictured above, said: "It was the same old story. The two goals we gave away were awful and we gave ourselves the problem of chasing the game again.

"When you can't keep clean sheets it gets a bit desperate and we have to get the basics right. It's all right working on passing and playing with a tempo but the back four's initial job is to keep a clean sheet.

"Brockenhurst showed more desire in their defensive third than we did. Every time we looked like pulling the trigger they threw bodies in the way.

"We took the game to them and created the majority of the chances second half. I thought we were going to get an equaliser but we got caught in the last minute with another poor goal.

"They didn't really open us up too much but they have scored twice. It's getting repetitive and I'm bored saying it."

No place like home as Jones returns to Island

STRIKER Scott Jones has now officially left Havant & Waterlooville to return to the Sydenhams Wessex League with Newport IoW.

Jones was announced as a Port signing on the club's official website two weeks ago, but the news was then withdrawn when Havant boss Lee Bradbury made it clear he wanted to keep him at Westleigh Park.

But Jones was in the Newport side that kicked off the season at Brockenhurst last Saturday with Havant conceding: "Scott Jones has decided to leave the Hawks and join Newport IoW.

"Scott, who is based on the Island, was finding the chore of travelling over for matches and training twice a week hard to combine with work commitments.

"The club would like to thank Scott for all his hard work during his time with the team and wish him every success in the future."

Jones joined the Hawks on dual registration with Brading Town in August 2011 having impressed during pre-season games.

He signed a full contract two months later and went on to make 67 starts and 53 sub appearances for the Westleigh Park club, scoring 27 goals.

He now links up again with Newport boss Steve Brougham, who was manager during his Brading days.

After slipping to an 1-0 opening-day defeat at Brockenhurst last weekend, Port got their first points on the board on Tuesday with a 1-0 home victory over Wayne Mew's Totton & Eling.

Jones hit the woodwork twice after skipper Scott Sampson had rifled home 18th-minute winner.

LEE BRADBURY: Battled to keep Scott Jones at Havant.

MCMANUS BACKS BROCK TO SHAKE UP WESSEX ORDER

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BROCKENHURST'S 1-0 opening day win over Newport IoW was viewed as a surprise result by some.

But claiming big Sydenhams Premier scalps is nothing new for the barnstorming Badgers these days.

Last term they took four points off the Islanders – including a massive 4-1 victory at St George's Park – as well as securing notable wins over champions Sholing and Winchester City.

Manager Pat McManus is a stickler for doing his homework on opponents and knew exactly what to expect from a Newport side bolstered by high-profile summer signings Scott Jones and Scott Sampson.

Having repelled the best the Islanders could throw at them, they secured the points on 62 minutes when set-piece specialist Murray Holmes cracked in a 25-yard free-kick off the underside of the crossbar.

"I was very pleased. We were under the cosh for the first half, but we coped with what Newport had to offer," said McManus.

"They're a big, physical side and you've got to deal with their route one approach. They're very good at set-pieces and they get a lot of them.

"I think they were expecting better things against us, but we took four points off them last season and we've worked them out, that's for sure.

"We approach every game by finding out as much about the other teams as we can, but we worry more about ourselves than the other teams and the boys did exactly what I asked of them.

"With our strongest 11, I fancy us against anyone in this league – including Winchester," he added.

"Although I've tipped Winchester to win the league, they're not a Southern League side playing in the Wessex League, they're Wessex players who are not proven at the higher level.

"It was different last year with Sholing because they were a proven Southern League side.

"If we've got our best 11 and some options on the bench, I fancy us.

"I'm not saying we'll beat everyone, but we'll be competitive against them.

"I'm quietly confident of a good season.

"If we can do what we did against Newport, we can do it against anyone."

Just to prove the point, Brock travelled to Graham Kemp's Hamworthy United on Tuesday and came away with a 2-0 victory against another side widely ranked as potential top-four challengers.

Skipper Harry Jeffries scored Brock's first on 13 minutes from a Holmes corner and, at 1-0, Badgers goalkeeper Sam Cousins – outstanding against Newport – made an important save from Dom Allen's free-kick.

The visitors had Will Tickle sent off for a second bookable offence with about 15 minutes remaining, but managed to double their advantage in stoppage time when Daryll Phillips volleyed in Tom Hill's cross.

"It was another good, solid performance by us," smiled McManus. "We missed a few chances, but it was a solid defensive display. The whole back four played well.

"We were under the cosh for a 25-minute period in the second half but we defended ever so well. Hamworthy were still chasing it when we scored our second late in the day.

"I'm looking forward to hearing what Kempy's got to say. He told the *Bournemouth Echo* beforehand that they needed a good performance against us because they'd got some tough games coming up!"

Apart from the odd one or two, including new strike signing Phillips from Winchester, the bulk of Brock's squad are in their late teens/early 20s and all take pride in their fitness.

"We didn't look rusty at all starting the season," said McManus. "We had a good pre-season and everyone came back fit.

"We've had a few unavailable, but we've got Cassius Newton back today (Saturday) and, as of Monday, we should get another three back."

ON TARGET: Brockenhurst new boy Daryll Phillips, right, netted against Hamworthy.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE D-DAY FOR WORT

SHOLING striker Lee Wort will soon discover his Football League fate.

The 22-year-old is currently coming to the end of an extended trial period at League Two side Accrington Stanley, ***writes PETER HOWARD***.

It was only initially meant to run a week until July 31 but was extended by ex-Saint and Accies boss James Beattie.

Wort scored 50 goals as the Boatmen won the FA Vase and the Sydenhams Premier Division last season.

Beattie, pictured below, who scored 76 goals in more than 200 games at Saints, has been tracking the striker for a while.

"I've monitored Lee's progress for a couple of seasons and my friends in Southampton swear by him," he said.

"I believe that everyone deserves an opportunity and this is Lee's. I've explained to him what I'll be looking for from him and it's a great chance for him.

"He knows where the net is and he works hard for the team. That's paramount for the way that we want to play.

"The forward line is the first form of defence and I suppose if you know where the net is then you know where the net is, simple as that. We just have to get the ball into areas where he can convert chances."

Wort came off the bench for a 20-minute run-out in a 1-0 defeat to Premier League Burnley before being introduced late on against Chorley last weekend.

The Sholing hot-shot did enough to convince Beattie to extend the trial for another week.

"I spoke to Beattie after the last pre-season game (Chorley) on Friday," said Wort.

"He has said that he wants me to stay up here training for another week.

"Then he's going to make a decision."

That period is almost over, meaning Wort's fate is soon to be decided. Even if he doesn't sign on for the Lancashire outfit, there is a queue of suitors in Hampshire.

Poole Town have been heavily linked, while Sholing have left the door open for the pacy striker to return to the Silverlake Arena for their Southern League Division One South & West campaign.

Conference South outfit Gosport Borough are also believed to be monitoring Wort's situation.

Stanley kicked-off their League 2 campaign yesterday when they welcomed Southend United to the Crown Ground.

ACCRINGTON STANLEY TRIAL: Lee Wort, right.

Bristow increases Town firepower

SAM ARGENT

BASINGSTOKE Town have further increased their attacking options for the Vanarama Conference South season.

Powerful 6ft 1in forward Julian Owusu has followed ex-Saint Sam Argent and former Swindon and Torquay United frontrunner Lloyd Macklin into the north Hampshire club.

Tooting-born Owusu, 25, has previously had two spells with Hayes & Yeading United and has also played in Ghana.

"Julian is a big, quick and powerful lad who causes defenders all sorts of problems," said Town boss Jason Bristow.

"I'm pleased to have him in the squad as it will provide even more attacking options for us."

Meanwhile, two products of Basingstoke's thriving youth academy have been re-signed.

Kieran Maylen and Alex Charlick will continue with Jason Bristow's first-team squad.

Maylen, who joined the senior ranks in 2012, is predominantly a defender but can also do a job in midfield.

He made his senior debut in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup at US Portsmouth in October last year and has previously enjoyed loan spells at Fleet Town and Thatcham. He combines playing with his role as an academy coach.

Midfielder Charlick featured in first-team squads as early as 2010 and joined the senior ranks permanently after graduating from the academy in 2012. He's yet to make his senior debut.

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Ex-Tyro star joins United

CHELSEA'S former Tyro League starlet John Swift has joined Rotherham United on a season-long loan.

The 19-year-old, who played for Totton-based Pace Youth FC and attended Brune Park Community School in Gosport, has represented England at under-16, 17, 18 and 19 level and been likened to Blues legend Frank Lampard.

He made his Premier League debut for Jose Mourinho's side as a late substitute for Eden Hazard in a 2-1 win at Cardiff City on the last day of the season.

Portsmouth-born Swift, pictured, is highly-rated by Mourinho who was personally involved in the decision to allow him to join Steve Evans's Championship new boys.

"It has taken many weeks to secure the signature of this young man and I suppose I could say my tenacity has paid off," said former Crawley Town boss Evans.

"A number of fellow Championships clubs, as well as two European clubs, were keen to sign John but, thankfully, he has decided his immediate footballing future is at Rotherham United.

"John is another part of the jigsaw as we get ready to embrace Championship football."

Three in at Wimborne

WIMBORNE Town made three new signings after last Saturday's 2-0 friendly victory at Gillingham Town.

Canadian defender Patrick Wilson has moved back to the Dorset club and joins former Hamworthy United defender Tom Biles at Cuthbury along with striker Andy Powell.

Powell scored a brace on his first club outing and Hamworthy United and made his mark once more against Gillingham, putting Wimborne ahead on the stroke of half-time.

Skipper Scott Arnold doubled the advantage with a 75th-minute header.

Globe-trotter Wilson, recently linked with Wimborne's Southern One South & West rivals Sholing, has played in his native Canada, the USA, Hungary and Belgium.

He has been involved with the AFC Bournemouth community programme on the Isle of Wight where he turned out for Cowes Sports and East Cowes Vics before having a spell with Wimborne last year.

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FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, August 11
CAPITAL ONE CUP
First round: Carlisle v Derby.
VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
South: Farnborough v Weston-s-Mare.
SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Premier Division: Redditch v Chippenham.

Tuesday, August 12
UEFA SUPER CUP
Real Madrid v Sevilla (Cardiff City Stadium).
CAPITAL ONE CUP
First round: Barnsley v Crewe, Birmingham v Cambridge Utd, Blackburn v Scunthorpe, Bolton v Bury, Brighton v Cheltenham, Bristol City v Oxford Utd, Burton Albion v Wigan, Charlton v Colchester, Chesterfield v Huddersfield, Crawley Town v Ipswich, Dag & Red v Brentford, Exeter v Bournemouth, Leeds v Accrington Stanley, Luton v Swindon, Millwall v Wycombe, Milton Keynes Dons v AFC Wimbledon, Morecambe v Bradford, Oldham v Middlesbrough, Plymouth v Leyton Orient, Port Vale v Hartlepool, Portsmouth v Peterborough, Reading v Newport County, Rochdale v Preston, Rotherham v Fleetwood Town, Sheff Wed v Notts County, Shrewsbury v Blackpool, Southend v Walsall, Stevenage v Watford, Tranmere v Nottm Forest, Wolverhampton v Northampton, Yeovil v Gillingham, York v Doncaster.
VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
Premier: AFC Telford v Macclesfield, Altrincham v Lincoln, Braintree v Dover, FC Halifax v Southport, Forest Green v Chester, Grimsby v Nuneaton, Kidderminster v Alfreton, Torquay v Welling, Woking v Dartford, Wrexham v Gateshead, Barnet v Bristol Rovers.
South: Bath City v Basingstoke, Bishops Stortford v Wealdstone, Bromley v Whitehawk, Eastbourne Borough v Chelmsford, Ebbsfleet v Concord, Hayes & Yeading v Salisbury City, Hemel Hempstead v Boreham Wood, Staines v St Albans, Sutton v Havant & Waterlooville.
SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Premier Division: Arlesey v Cambridge City, Banbury v Hitchin, Biggleswade v Histon, Burnham v Dorchester, Chesham v St Neots, Cirencester v Bideford, Dunstable v Corby, Hereford v Slough, Hungerford v Poole Town, Paulton Rovers v Truro, Weymouth v Frome.
Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Evesham, Cinderford v Mangotsfield, Clevedon v Taunton, Fleet Town v Bashley, Shortwood v Tiverton, Stratford v Didcot, Swindon Supermarine v Yate, Wantage v AFC Totton.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Moneyfields, Andover Town v Winchester City, Bemerton HH v Hamworthy Utd, Blackfield & Langley v Alresford, Bournemouth Poppies v Lymington Town, Fareham v Follands, Horndean v Newport IoW, Totton & Eling v Whitchurch.
PUMA ENGINEERING HPL
Premier Division (6.30pm kick-offs): Baffins Milton Rovers v Fleetlands, Otterbourne v Overton, Paulsgrove v Locks Heath, QK Southampton v Hedge End Rangers, Stockbridge v Colden Common, Winchester Castle v AFC Stoneham.

Wednesday, August 13
CAPITAL ONE CUP
First round: Coventry v Cardiff, Sheff Utd v Mansfield.
SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Division One South & West: Larkhall v Wimborne, Sholing v North Leigh.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Brockenhurst v Christchurch, Fawley v Verwood.
PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Premier Division (6.30pm kick-offs): Bush Hill v Hamble Club, Clanfield v Liphook, Headley v Liss.

Thursday, August 14
VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
Premier: Eastleigh v Aldershot Town (7.45pm Live on BT Sport).

Saturday, August 16
(FL games all 3pm ko unless stated)
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
Arsenal v Crystal Palace (5.30pm), Leicester v Everton, Man Utd v Swansea (12.45pm), QPR v Hull , Stoke v Aston Villa, West Brom v Sunderland, West Ham v Tottenham Hotspur.
Sky Bet FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Championship: Birmingham v Brighton, Blackpool v Blackburn, Bolton v Nottm Forest, Bournemouth v Brentford, Cardiff v Huddersfield, Charlton v Wigan, Fulham v Millwall, Leeds v Middlesbrough (12.15pm), Norwich v Watford, Reading v Ipswich, Rotherham v Wolverhampton, Sheff Wed v Derby.
League 1: Bristol City v Colchester, Chesterfield v Rochdale, Coventry v Sheff Utd, Crawley Town v Swindon, Crewe v Barnsley, Doncaster v Port Vale, Gillingham v Yeovil, Notts County v Fleetwood Town, Oldham v Leyton Orient, Peterborough v Milton Keynes Dons, Scunthorpe v Preston, Walsall v Bradford.
League 2: Burton Albion v Dag & Red , Cheltenham v Accrington Stanley, Hartlepool v Bury, Luton v AFC Wimbledon, Mansfield v Oxford Utd, Morecambe v Newport County, Plymouth v Exeter, Portsmouth v Cambridge Utd, Shrewsbury v Tranmere , Southend v Stevenage, Wycombe v Carlisle, York v Northampton.
VANARAMA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
Premier: Altrincham v Bristol Rovers, Barnet v Lincoln, Braintree v Chester, Eastleigh v Gateshead, FC Halifax v Welling, Forest Green v Alfreton, Grimsby v Dover, Kidderminster v Dartford, Torquay v Southport, Woking v Macclesfield, Wrexham v Nuneaton.
South: Bath City v Chelmsford, Bishops Stortford v Maidenhead, Bromley v Basingstoke, Eastbourne Borough v Weston-super-Mare, Ebbsfleet v Havant & Waterlooville, Farnborough v St Albans, Gosport Borough v Wealdstone, Hayes & Yeading v Concord, Hemel Hempstead v Whitehawk, Staines v Boreham Wood, Sutton v Salisbury City.
SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Premier Division: Cambridge City v Truro, Chesham v Redditch, Chippenham v Arlesey, Cirencester v Corby, Dorchester v Hereford, Dunstable v Burnham, Frome v Biggleswade, Hitchin v Bideford, Hungerford v Histon, Poole Town v Paulton Rovers, Slough Town v Banbury, St Neots v Weymouth.
Division One South & West: AFC Totton v Yate, Bashley v Merthyr Town, Bishops Cleeve v Didcot, Cinderford v Tiverton, Evesham v Bridgwater, Larkhall v Clevedon, Mangotsfield v Fleet, Sholing v Stratford, Swindon Supermarine v Shortwood, Taunton v North Leigh, Wimborne v Wantage.
FA CUP
Extra preliminary round: AFC Portchester v Fawley, Alresford v Christchurch, Ascot Utd v Tadley Calleva, Bemerton HH v Totton & Eling, Bitton v Blackfield & Langley, Bournemouth Poppies v Verwood, Bradford Town v Moneyfields, Brockenhurst v Wootton Bassett, Corsham v Horndean, Cowes Sports v Team Solent, Folland Sports v Downton, Lymington Town v Winchester City (at New Milton Town FC), Newport IoW v Hamworthy, Petersfield v Bristol Manor Farm, Pewsey Vale v Sherborne Town, Romsey v Fareham, Winterbourne Utd v Hythe & Dibden, Whitchurch v Hallen.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Division One: East Cowes Vics v Amesbury Town (3.30) Laverstock & Ford v US Portsmouth, Ringwood v Andover NS.
PUMA ENGINEERING HPL
Premier Division: AFC Stoneham v Paulsgrove, Baffins Milton Rovers v Winchester Castle, Clanfield v Overton, Hamble Club v QK Southampton, Headley v Bush Hill, Hedge End Rangers v Liss, Liphook v Colden Common, Otterbourne v Fleetlands, Stockbridge v Locks Heath.
Division One: Cadnam Utd v Netley Central Sports, Lyndhurst v AFC Petersfield, Upham v Michelmersh & Timsbury.
Combination: Fleetlands v Liphook, Liss v Hedge End Rangers, Overton v Clanfield, Paulsgrove v AFC Stoneham, QK Southampton v Hamble Club, Winchester Castle v Headley Utd.

TRACTOR THEFT PUTS HAMBLE'S SEASON IN DOUBT

COUNTING THE COST: Hamble United chairman Gary Curtis with the shipping container that was broken into by thieves who stole the club's heavy-duty tractor.

HAMBLE United Football Club are dreading another wet winter.

A repeat of the heavy rain of 2013/14 would prove problematic for any ground staff to cope with.

But even more so for United who have had their Satchell Lane home broken into for a second time and their heavy-duty tractor stolen.

The club, set up in 2005, was awarded FA Charter Standard at the launch and progressed to a FA Charter Standard Development Club status the following year.

They field two men's teams in the Drew Smith Southampton League and cater for about 150 children, from under-seven to under-16s, in the Southampton Youth League, the Southampton & District Tyro League and the Eastleigh & District Mini Soccer League – plus a soccer school for four to seven-year-olds.

The latest break-in, which also saw two petrol strimmers taken – will not put the club in danger of missing the new season.

But the fear is that if there's another winter deluge they won't have the equipment to deal with it.

United are a family-run affair with chairman Gary Curtis's parents, Steve and Gloria, lovingly tending the three pitches. Gloria is also the club treasurer and Gary's daughter Lauren excels at organising events.

"We've got one smaller tractor left, but the big, heavy-duty one we used to tow the spiked roller has been stolen and we can't afford to replace it," said Gary.

"The one we had was ten months old, but if we were to buy a new one now it would cost around £3,500.

"We're a youth club predominantly and I'd rather spend the money on buying new kit and balls for the kids.

"A local gentleman kindly donated £200 after reading about the break-ins in the *Echo*, but we need thousands. We can't get insurance and we can't afford to replace the stuff that's been stolen without fund-raising.

"The ground's on a landfill site and the rain just sits there. We need to keep it spiked to get some drainage and, short of my mum and dad – both in their 70s – pulling it round with a rope each, we can't use the spiked roller.

"The thieves rammed the front gates and broke into a shipping container, managing to rip off the steel padlock. Heaven knows how they did it.

"We're putting up some steel fences and gates to prevent them breaking in again."

Hamble lease their ground from nearby Hamble Community Sports College.

"We pay a hefty rent, but everything that's been done there – dugouts, barriers etc – has been done by us," said Gary.

"My mum and dad mark out all the pitches and maintain them and they've just donated two strimmers to the club."

Lauren, the club's office administrator, said: "My dad set up and runs the club and nearly everything of value has been stolen, meaning starting all over again.

"Most importantly for me, my grandparents are our groundsmen, they enjoy what they do and claim it keeps them young!

"Last month the club was invited to St Mary's to collect an award for the quality of our pitches due to their hard work. However, with the tractor being stolen, we are unsure how we will maintain the pitches."

Anyone able to help United in their hour of need can contact Gary Curtis on 07720 204747 or at *garycurtis@hambleunitedfc.co.uk*.

FAMILY AFFAIR: From left: Gary Curtis, with daughter Lauren and his parents, Gloria and Steven, help to run Hamble United.

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Non-league Football

Burch calls for commitment

HYTHE & Dibden boss Lee Burch requires more commitment from his players leading into the new Sydenhams One campaign.

The Watersiders boss (pictured) had no fewer than eight players unavailable for yesterday's opening fixture against Andover New Street and fears a spate of no-shows would undermine what the club are trying to achieve.

With the move to their new home at Clayfields just around the corner, Hythe are hoping for another strong season after clinching a best-ever fourth-placed finish last term.

That groundbreaking success means they will enter the FA Cup for the first time in their history next Saturday, away to Bristol outfit Winterbourne United in the extra preliminary round.

Skipper Simon Davison, Dan Pancaldi, Nathan Renyard and Nick Jenkin were all unavailable today, Wayne O'Dell and Simon De'Ath are injured, Mark Lilley is serving a two-match suspension and Jon Brock was at a wedding.

"Whether it's just the time of year with holidays, weddings etc I don't know, but unless the lads can sort themselves out commitment-wise, we won't be anywhere near where we want to be," warned Burch.

"We played Aldersmaston in a friendly last week and won 6-1, but you can't read too much into pre-season. We were so short of players that my assistant Scott Johnston ended up playing and our goalkeeping coach Jamie Cotton played the second half in goal.

"I've got to concentrate on getting commitment out of our players. If they're all there, we'll be okay."

Offsetting Hythe's temporary losses is the capture of well-travelled former Basingstoke, Newport IoW and Wimborne winger/striker Lee Chudy.

The 34-year-old was in line to make his debut today along with equally experienced frontman Steve Whitcher and former Team Solent defender Josh Watson.

De'Ath, scorer of eight goals in 14 Wessex starts last term, is on his way back to fitness. The former Romsey Town sharpshooter has resumed training after breaking his foot.

AFC TELFORD UTD

MANAGER: Liam Watson

2013/14: 1st (Conference North)

IN – Jonathan Hedge [GK] (Grimsby Town), Godfrey Poku (Free Agent), Steve Akrigg (Southport), Rod McDonald (Hereford), Kristian Platt (Stalybridge Celtic), Jordan Deacey (Bradford Park Avenue), Josh Hancock (Witton Albion), Sam Smith (Hereford)

OUT – Dan Preston (Released), Martyn Jackson (Released), Ryan Young (Released), Matty McGinn (Released)

ALDERSHOT

MANAGER: Andy Scott

2013/14: 19th

IN – Glenn Wilson (Salisbury), Dan Fitchett (Salisbury), Damon Lathrope (Torquay), Sam Hatton (Grimsby), Phil Smith (Free Agent), Naby Diallo (Free Agent), Joseph N'Guessan (Loan – Stevenage)

OUT – Craig Stanley (Eastleigh), Adam Mekki (Released)

ALFRETON TOWN

MANAGER: Nicky Law

2013/14: 11th

IN – Duane Courtney (Tamworth), Anthony Howell (Mansfield), Dan Bradley (Barnet), Luke Graham (Hereford), Lee Stevenson (Free Agent), Dan Gray (Free Agent), Chris Smith (Free Agent), Jordan Keane (Stoke), Jake Sheridan (Free Agent), Jon Stewart (Worksop Town), Nathan Hicks (Leamington)

OUT – John Akinde (Barnet), Connor Franklin (Nuneaton), Anton Brown (Nuneaton)

ALTRINCHAM

MANAGER: Lee Sinnott

2013/14: 3rd (Conference North Playoff Winners)

IN – Ryan Crowther (Free Agent), Sean Williams, Dave Parton, Steven Gillespie (Free Agent), Peter Cavanagh (Free Agent)

BARNET

MANAGER: Martin Allen

2013/14: 8th

IN – Sam Togwell (Free Agent), Bondz N'Gala (Portsmouth), Charlie MacDonald (Free Agent), Sam Muggleton (Free Agent), Mauro Vilhete (Youth), John Akinde (Alfreton)

OUT – Dan Bradley (Alfreton), Mark Byrne (Newport), Jake Hyde (York)

BRAINTREE

MANAGER: Alan Devonshire

2013/14: 6th

IN – Dan Walker (Free Agent), Charlie Strutton (AFC Wimbledon), Mitch Brundle (Free Agent), Carl Pentney (Chelmsford City)

OUT – Dean Wells (Stevenage), Luke Daley (Dartford)

SIGNED: Stuart Sinclair, above, has gone to Bristol Rovers.

BRISTOL ROVERS

MANAGER: Darrell Clarke

2013/14: 23rd (League Two)

IN – Jamie White (Bristol City), Matty Taylor (Forest Green Rovers), Jake Gosling (Free Agent), Lee Mansell (Torquay), Stuart Sinclair (Salisbury), Andy Monkhouse (Free Agent), Daniel Leadbitter (Free Agent)

OUT – Matt Harrold (Crawley), Alefe Santos (Derby), John Joe O'Toole (Northampton), Michael Smith (Peterborough)

CHESTER

MANAGER: Steve Burr

2013/14: 21st

IN – Sean McConville (Stalybridge), Matty Brown (Chesterfield), Peter Winn (Macclesfield), John Disney (Hednesford), Chris Iwelumo (Free Agent), Gareth Roberts (Free Agent)

DARTFORD

MANAGER: Tony Burman

2013/14: 22nd

IN – Jason Brown (Free Agent), Rory McAuley (Cambridge), Luke

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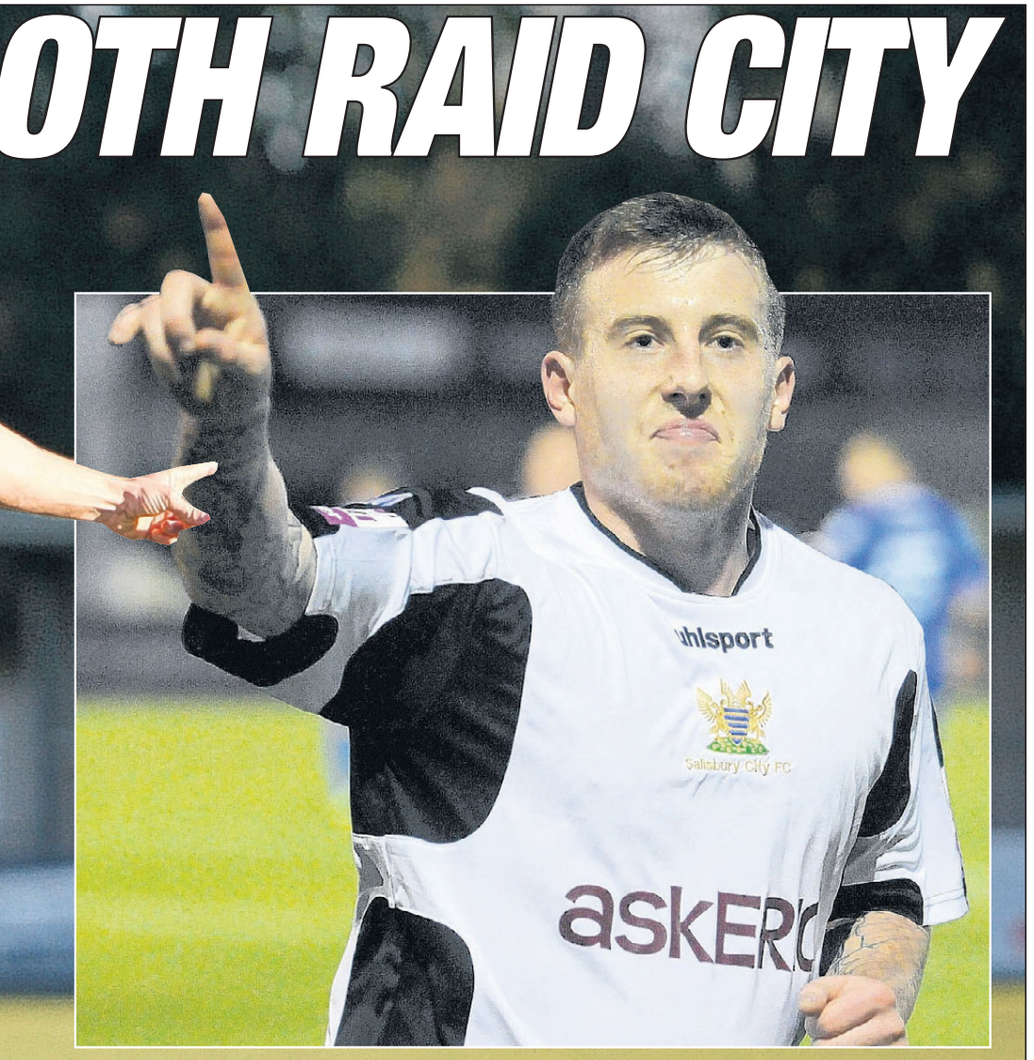

DEPARTED: Ben Wright, left, and Jamie White, above, have left Salisbury this summer

BOOKIES favourites Bristol Rovers and Forest Green Rovers have both benefited from Salisbury City's financial implosion this summer.

The two Gloucestershire clubs have recruited players from the crisis-torn Wiltshire Whites.

Rovers, managed by former Salisbury boss Darrell Clarke, swooped to sign ex-Saints striker Jamie White not long after the 2013/14 season ended.

Clarke returned to his former club, whom he guided to two promotions in three seasons, to sign midfielder Stuart Sinclair.

Forest Green later recruited three Salisbury players as the widespread exodus from the Ray Mac Stadium began.

Midfielders Clovis Kamdjo, Elliott Frear and Rob Sinclair all signed for Rovers.

Other Conference Premier clubs also raided Salisbury this summer as last season's Whites squad was dismantled.

Aldershot, who visit Eastleigh next Thursday for a game to be screened live on BT Sport, snapped up top scorer Dan Fitchett and defender Glenn Wilson.

Eastleigh, for their part, signed Whites striker Ben Wright on a permanent deal after he impressed last term during a loan spell.

Daley (Braintree), Harry Crawford (Free Agent)

OUT – Jason Prior (Released), Ben Swallow (Released), Alan Julian (Released)

DOVER ATHLETIC

MANAGER: Chris Kinnear

2013/14: 5th (Conference South Playoff Winners)

IN – Stefan Payne (Hornchurch), Christian Nanetti (Havant), Jake Reid (Triallist), Sean Francis (Triallist)

EASTLEIGH

MANAGER: Richard Hill

2013/14: 1st (Conference South)

IN – James Constable (Oxford), Jack Midson (AFC Wimbledon), Craig Stanley (Aldershot), Paul Reid (Northampton). Ben Wright (Salisbury City).

OUT – Chris Dillon (Hamworthy)

HALIFAX

MANAGER: Neil Aspin

2013/14: 5th

IN – Richard Peniket (Tamworth), Ross Dyer (Masnfield), Kevin Roberts (free Agent), Scott Boden (Free Agent), James Bolton (Macclesfield), Jamie Jackson (Triallist)

OUT – Lee Gregory (Millwall), Chris Smith (Alfreton)

FOREST GREEN

MANAGER: Adrian Pennock

2013/14: 10th

IN – David Pipe (Free Agent), Kurtis Guthrie (Welling), Sam Wedgbury (Stevenage), James Jennings (Free Agent), Steve Arnold (Free Agent), Clovis Kamdjo (Salisbury), Elliott Frear (Salisbury), Rob Sinclair (Salisbury), Jon Parkin (Free Agent),

OUT – Yan Klukowski (Mutual Consent), Jamie Turley (Mutual Consent), Jason Walker (Mutual Consent), Jared Hodgkiss (Kidderminster), Ed Asafu-Adjaye (Released), Stephen Brogan (Southport), Reece Styche (Kidderminster), Paul Green (Released), Saul Williams (Released), Adam McHugh (Released), Andy Mangan (Shrewsbury), Magno Vieira (Loan – Nuneaton)

GATESHEAD

MANAGER: Gary Mills

2013/14: 3rd

IN – Jon Shaw (Luton), Andrai Jones (Barnsley), Michael Rankine (Hereford), Tom Allan (Free Agent), Lewis Guy (Carlisle), Alex Rodman (Grimsby Town), Ryan Wilson (Stockport)

OUT – James Marwood (St. Mirren), Carl Magnay (Grimsby Town)

GRIMSBY

MANAGER: Paul Hurst

2013/14: 4th

IN – Carl Magnay (Gateshead), Scott Brown (Southport), Jack Mackreth (Macclesfield), Aristote Nsiala (Southport), Nathan Arnold (Cambridge), Jon-Paul Pittman (Free Agent), Craig Clay (York)

OUT – Liam Hearn (Mansfield), Sam Hatton (Aldershot)

KIDDERMINSTER

MANAGER: Gary Whild

2013/14: 7th

IN – Reece Styche (Forest Green), Jasbir Singh (Solihull Moors), Ahmed Obeng (Rushall Olympic's), Jared Hodgkiss (Forest Green), Reece Hales (Free Agent), Jake Green (Free Agent)

OUT – Lee Vaughan (Cheltenham), Mickey Demetriou (Shrewsbury), Amari Morgan-Smith (Oldham)

LINCOLN CITY

MANAGER: Gary Simpson

2013/14: 14th

IN – Karl Ledsham (Southport), Jordan Burrow (Stevenage), Tony Diagne (Morecambe), Jake Caprice (Free Agent), Hamza Bencherif (JS Kabylie), Marcus Marshall (Loan – Morecambe)

OUT – Jake Sheridan (Alfreton)

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CRICKET NEWS

Rain threat to Finals

ECB officials are concerned that bad weather may scupper tomorrow's SUN NatWest Club20 Area Finals – one of which South Wilts are involved in at Horsham.

Rain is forecast throughout the day in mid-Sussex, where South Wilts are due to pitch their short-form twenty20 skills against Kent Premier League side Beckenham.

On the smaller, adjoining Cricket Field Road ground and in the other Area semi-final, Surrey Championship outfit Ashtead face Hastings & St Leonard's Priory, recent quarter-finalists in the ECB's Royal London 45-over Club Championship.

Play is scheduled to begin at noon, with the final set for 3.30pm.

If tomorrow's Area finals are washed out, they will be rescheduled – again at Horsham – next Sunday.

Tomorrow's winners will qualify for the Regional Play-offs – an away tie against the outright West Country winners – on August 24.

The Sky Sports televised finals are at Northampton on September 9.

South Wilts will have the benefit of James Hayward and Steve Riddle back in their squad tomorrow, but Zimbabwean Ryan Burl is ineligible for the competition, as are all overseas players.

South Wilts travelling squad is: Tom Morton, James Hayward, Tom Pearce, Charlie Esson, Joe Cranch, Steve Riddle, Rob Pitman, Jake Foley, Sam Pitman, Steve Warner, Jack Richards, Dom Ducellier.

Run rampage

Local teenage talents Harry Collier (above left), Josh Procter (above right)and William Wade went on a run rampage when the Isle of Wight met Wiltshire in the ECB Under-17 County Championship at Bemerton.

Double centurion Collier cracked 210 for the Island – his innings contained one six and 39 fours – and Procter 104.

But it was South Wilts' batsman William Wade who had the last laugh – his career-best 144 helped Wiltshire post 428-7 and win the two-day match by 22 runs.

The Isle of Wight were dismissed for 406.

More local cricket news on page 16

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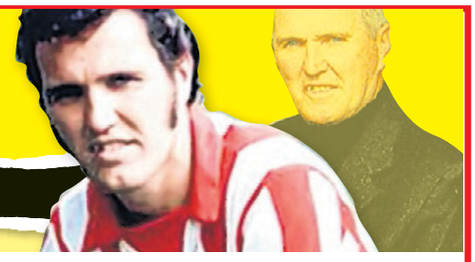


SIZING UP CONTENDERS

WITH clubs returning from their annual global sales tour, racking up pre-season fitness in any and every climate possible, it begins to dawn on us that the return of the Premier League is just around the corner.

There is no greater reminder that competitive football is back than the annual Community Shield taking place on Sunday.

Arsenal and Manchester City go head-to-head this weekend, in what will hopefully be an exciting preview to the season ahead.

Yes, the Community Shield is not so much a win-at-all-costs final, as it is a fine spectacle for fans, but it gives us a chance to examine two of England's leading footballing institutions, and evaluate what kind of shape they are in for the season ahead.

Manchester City have demonstrated once more this pre-season why they will again be among the favourites to win the Premier League.

Even without the likes of Alvaro Negredo leading the firing line, City fans can be buoyed by the auspicious partnership between Edin Dzeko and Stevan Jovetic.

Dzeko has been supplied with renewed confidence from the club's manager, Manuel Pellegrini, and could see himself finally cementing a place in the XI, with Negredo out and Sergio Aguero recovering from a World Cup final defeat.

Similarly, Jovetic is due for a run in the team and serves as a more-than-capable complement to Dzeko.

If he gets close to regaining the sort of form he showed in Italy, before earning the move to Manchester, City fans will have some player on their hands.

Another player looking to sparkle, if given the time this weekend, is Jesus Navas.

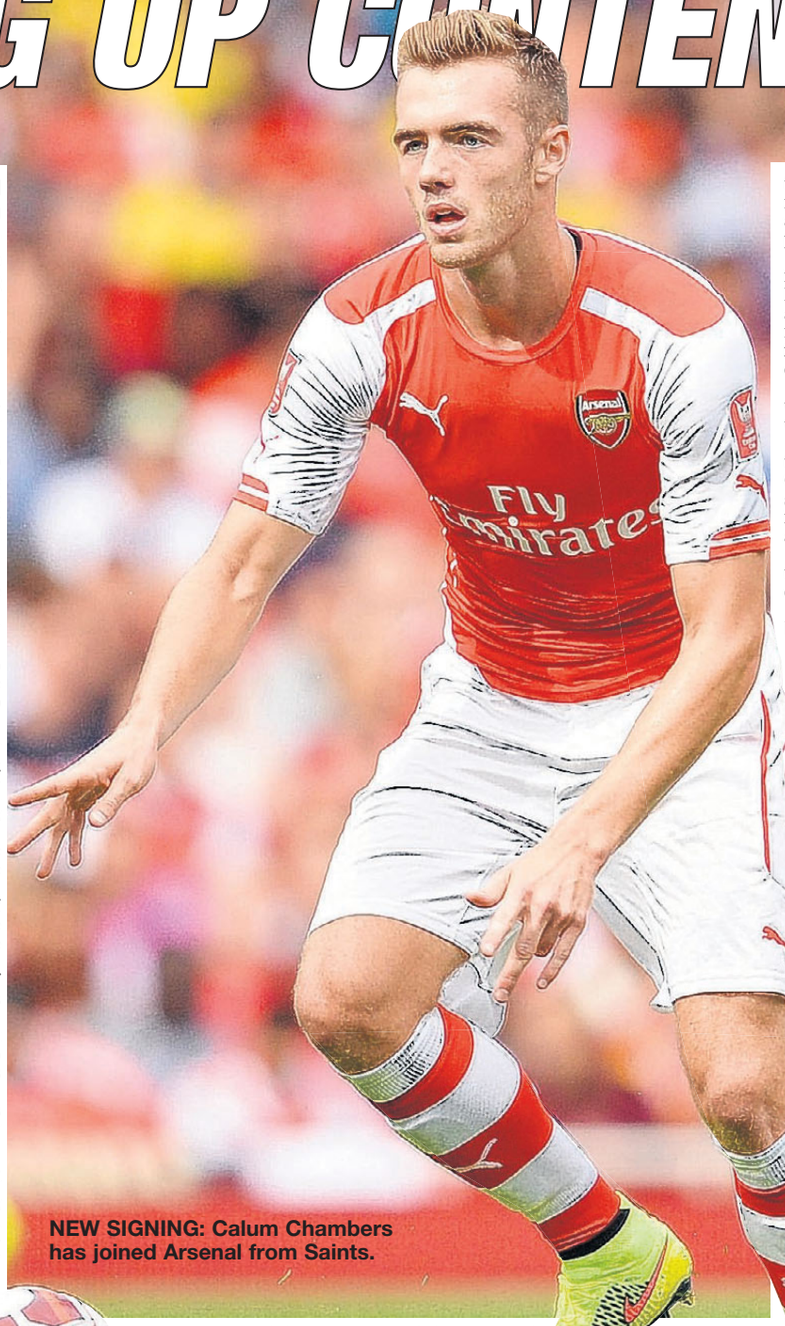
Pace remains the one thing most difficult to defend against, and you would have to go a long way to find someone as quick as Navas.

If he improves his crossing ability, he has the potential to be a vital weapon for City this season.

After parting ways with Joleon Lescott, and with Micah Richards' time seemingly coming to an end in Manchester, finalising the acquisition of Eliaquim Mangala would seal a successful, yet somewhat low-profile, summer transfer window for Pellegrini's side.

The forceful Porto defender would be a fine addition to City's defence, which will be arguably their most contentious sector, with Aleksandar Kolarov and Gael Clichy battling for the left-back position, and Bacary Sagna a worthy challenger to Pablo Zabaleta on the opposite side.

Arsene Wenger, on the other hand, has finally been granted significant money to spend this summer and has splashed out on key reinforcements that could put the north Londoners back in contention for the title race.



NEW SIGNING: Calum Chambers has joined Arsenal from Saints.

Having secured the signings of Alexis Sanchez, Mathieu Debuchy, Calum Chambers and David Ospina, Wenger has addressed some of the areas in which the squad may have been lacking.

But with less than a month before the window closes, most would agree that the presence of a traditional holding midfielder is missing.

Should the club close in on William Carvalho, Arsenal would reclaim that bit of brawn and bite to their midfield that they aren't exactly endowed with at the moment.

The Sami Khedira rumours have been in full flow since the World Cup ended, and, while it wouldn't hurt, even with Khedira Arsenal still need a disciplined defensive midfielder.

They need someone to sit and protect the back four, and, most importantly, cut off the supply line to the forwards being marked by centre-backs Laurent Koscielny and Per Mertesacker, to take some of the pressure off them.

After seeing Arsenal put five past Benfica in the Emirates Cup, then allowing Radamel Falcao to re-open his scoring account after returning from injury the next day and falling 1-0 to Monaco, it's difficult to say what kind of Arsenal we can expect this season.

Set pieces will still prove to be a worry, as will the lack of another quality centre-forward.

Wenger told the media following the team's defeat to Monaco that Olivier Giroud is nowhere near ready, a somewhat startling and unsettling remark considering the start of the season is about a week away.

Giroud, who managed to reach double figures for the Gunners last term, still has his doubters in the terraces.

With Yaya Sanogo and Joel Campbell both still considered exciting prospects for years to come, if Arsenal do not sign another top-level striker this summer Wenger could see his title charge wither out once more around Christmas time.

Sunday will be intriguing. At the very least, exciting.

Even though both teams are still missing most of their World Cup stars, there are more than a few players on both sides who will be looking to prove a point.

With both showcasing some wonderfully attacking football last season, we can be hopeful of goals this weekend.

City will be favourites. Their preseason form hasn't been spectacular, but such is the strength in depth of Pellegrini's squad that they will be hard to look past this weekend.

Fernando, signed to fill the Nigel De Jong shaped hole behind Yaya Toure, looks a quality addition and should start at Wembley.

Nasri too, fresh from a long summer break without featuring in Brazil, should see Sunday's game as one he can take hold of.

The Frenchman last season showed the form that took him to Manchester from Arsenal.

He has the quality to run a football match, and there is little doubt the opponent he'd like to run over most would be his ex-employers.

Arsenal, as always,have plenty of potential.

When healthy, and with Sanchez, they are capable of beating anyone.

More grit and a couple of key signings would wipe out the doubt.

Overcoming City could be the start of Arsenal proving their doubters wrong. At the very least, although only technically still a pre-season game, victory would certainly give the Gunners confidence ahead of the new campaign.

Local Cricket Spotlight

BRACED FOR A THRILLING END

The ECB Southern Electric Premier League is bracing itself for an exciting, nerve-racking finale – at both ends of the spectrum !

At the top, reigning champions South Wilts and Havant are locked in their now customary personal battle for the title, ***writes MIKE VIMPANY***

Only Bashley (Rydal) have infiltrated the pair's domination in the past four years.

At the bottom, it's a three-cornered fight for survival between Burridge, Lymington and Totton & Eling.

There's every likelihood both championship and relegation issues will go to the wire.

South Wilts were five points ahead of Havant going into today's resumption of 50-over cricket.

Both sides will be disappointed if they don't win their next two fixtures – leaving the championship trophy the prize for the victors of the South Wilts-Havant set-to at Bemerton on August 30.

Similarly, next Saturday's duel between bottom-of-the-table Burridge and Totton & Eling will go a long way towards deciding who stays up.

The outcome will impact on Lymington, who may have to beat Alton in their final game to cement Premier Division survival.

For the past three seasons, the winners of the Time pennant have gone on to lift the championship itself – Havant in 2011 and South Wilts for the past two summers.

South Wilts have been dominant in all-day cricket in recent seasons – six 'Time' flags in seven years emphasises their superiority.

But the champions of the past two seasons may have an upcoming problem to solve.

Eddie Abel will miss the run-in to the season after breaking a finger and Ryan Burl – just back from a three-month shoulder injury lay off - could be headed back to Zimbabwe next weekend, if he is called up for his country's A tour of Bangladesh.

Totton & Eling look as though they are going to have to make do without their captain James Taylor, who now has Sydenhams Wessex League managerial commitments with Team Solent.

James Haggaty has badly gashed webbing on his left hand and key all-rounder Darron Augustus was on holiday for today's scheduled meeting with South Wilts.

And Burridge are unlikely to have Sean Terry's services again this term.

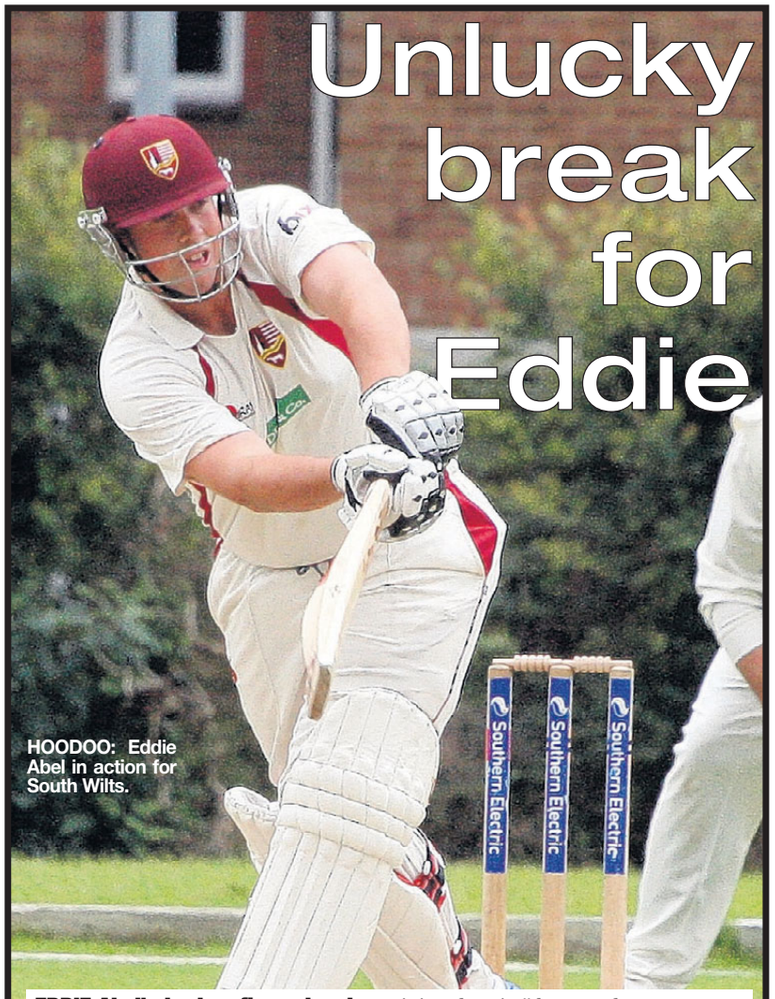
It all adds up to a fascinating climax to the season – at both ends of the table !

FIGHTING FOR SURVIVAL: Bottom-of-the-table Burridge are battling for their new-found Premier Division future. Standing (from left): Sean Terry, Shou Chowdhury, Jamie Richards, Greg Thew, Nick McMurray, Alex Styles, Derek Kenway. Seated: Jamie Rood, Rick Ankers, Geoff Dods, Seth Jackson.

The key games

Havant: St Cross Symondians (a), Lymington (h), South Wilts (a).
South Wilts: Lymington (h), Burridge (a), Havant (h).
Burridge: Totton & Eling (h), South Wilts (h), Ventnor (a).
Lymington: South Wilts (a), Havant (a), Alton (h).
Totton & Eling: Burridge (a), Ventnor (h), Hampshire Academy (a).

Unlucky break for Eddie



HOODOO: Eddie Abel in action for South Wilts.

EDDIE Abel's broken finger hoodoo has struck again !

For the second consecutive season, the chunky little South Wilts left-hand opener, pictured, will sit out the climax to the Premier League title race.

Just as he did midway through last season after scoring an SPL best 138 not out against Ventnor, Abel has fractured a finger, this time after top scoring with 79 in his side's 69-run win over St Cross Symondians.

"I was gutted when it happened last season and it's unbelievable I've got injured again," he mused.

"After last year I was so looking forward to playing a major role this time around, but now it looks as if I'm stuck on the boundary line again."

On a positive note, Zimbabwean all-rounder Ryan Burl, out for three months since early May with a dislocated shoulder, made a successful return, scoring a quick-fire 41 against the Winchester side and then helping South Wilts beat Sarisbury Athletic to reach next Friday's Southern Electric twenty20 Cup final.

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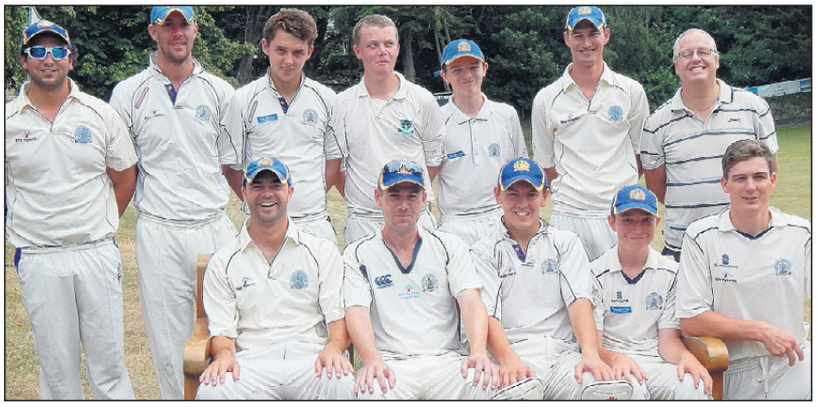
Local Cricket Spotlight

ROPLEY UNABLE TO TAME THE SHREWS



TITLE FIGHT: Second-placed Ventnor II are pressing hard for the County Division 1 championship and went into today's scheduled home match with Bournemouth II three points behind leaders Shrewton. Standing (from left): Pierre Kriel, David Beven, Ben Herridge, Tom Stafford, George Willis, Hugh Calloway, Paul Franklin (manager). Front: Rob Snell, Martin Blackman, Ben Woodhouse (captain), Harry Ridley, Charlie Calloway.

FOUR games to go and it's Shrewton and Ventnor IIs who have opened up a lead at the top of Hampshire League County Division 1.

Shrewton's key seven-wicket win – which looks to have put Ropley out of the running – has given them a slender three-point lead over Ventnor, who ran up a 300-plus total at relegated Rowledge II, ***writes MIKE VIMPANY***.

Lymington II and Portchester share third spot, some 13 points behind.

Ropley were unable to upset Shrewton's title bid after being dismissed for 155 (Nick Gerrard 35) in less than 34 overs, Kieran McClure taking 3-17.

Shrewton lost their openers cheaply, but Sam Gilliott's 67 not out, aided by Dan Bingley (45), swept the visitors to a seven-wicket win.

Young Ben Herridge pulled up seven runs short of his second HL century of the season, top scoring with 93 as Ventnor powered to 304-7 at relegated Rowledge.

The 15-year old Island talent hit two sixes and 11 fours in his knock which, with Pierre Kriel (59), Ben Woodhouse (39) and Alex Horton (33) in support, saw Ventnor bat their hosts out of the game.

Charlie Calloway steamed in with 6-34 as Rowledge were bundled out for 93.

Lymington twice completed astonishing fight-backs to snatch an amazing eight-run win over visiting Gosport Borough at the Sports Ground.

Reeling at 70-7 and still in trouble at 133-8, Lymington recovered, with Guy Layman (80) sharing significant lower-order partnerships with Chris Jennings (22) and later Kieran Moors (45), with whom he added 98 for the ninth wicket.

Lymington's eventual 231 all out still looked vulnerable as Lee Harrop (77) eased Gosport's reply to 128-1 and later 187-5.

But key spells by Luke Marshall (4-40), Martin Gregory (3-39) and the mercurial Layman (2-51), whose earlier innings contained three sixes and ten fours, sent Gosport tumbling to a defeat they could barely have anticipated five hours earlier.

"Guy's innings, quite simply, won us the match. Under great pressure, he batted with consummate composure. His 35-over stay in the heat was testament to his fitness," praised skipper Oli Kelly.

Portchester know they will have to win their last four games – and that includes beating Ropley and Shrewton the next two Saturdays – if they are to break into the top four.

They beat United Services easily enough – though with the Burnaby Road side 131-0 at one stage, it didn't look to be Portchester's day.

US promptly lost six wickets for 20 runs and tumbled to 197-8.

A near century opening stand between Richie Locke (56) and Andrew Webb (47) set up Portchester's eventual five-wicket win.

It was Services' ninth successive defeat and, should results go the wrong way today, they could find themselves in the bottom three.

Teenage duo Tom Kent (99) and Sam Stoddart (90) shared a club record 208-run opening partnership as Fareham & Crofton swept to an easy eight-wicket win over relegation troubled Sarisbury Athletic.

Lewis Mitchard (49), Dan Clouting (40) and the impressive Tom Farley (44) did their bit as third-from-bottom Sarisbury posted 217 all out.

But it was a modest total on the compact Allotment Road and Fareham didn't experience too many problems knocking off the runs.

It was Sarisbury's eighth defeat in nine outings since last season's promotion from County 2 – and one which put huge emphasis on today's derby with an equally struggling Locks Heath outfit from a mile or so down the road.

Ellingham's disappointing season continued with a 45-run defeat by Purbrook, who defended 152 at Picket Post.

Locks Heath had been in freefall but, after posting 261-8, they were confident of ending their barren run against New Milton II.

Jack Paskins (57), Alex Richardson (43) and Jack Levy (32) led the way for Locks Heath, but promoted by a flying start from Tom Prodomo (32) and Steve Watts (37), New Milton gave chase.

Five wickets down Milton didn't look as confident, but Dave Crossley (42) and Steve Tilbury, with a timely 70, swung the game back in the visitors' favour.

New Milton, on 256-9, needed six runs to win off Dan O'Neil's final over, but got only five of them and had to be satisfied with a thrilling tie.

"It was an excellent game of cricket and just unfortunate we couldn't sneak a win at the death," said Levy.

"We've suffered a few heavy defeats recently, so it was good to get back to a reasonable performance and pick up some points."

St Cross Symondians III, one of the two sides below Sarisbury on the ladder, went down by seven wickets to Ryde in a rain affected encounter at Hardings Shute.

St Cross were dismissed for 141 (Steve Fryer 43) – a target Ryde polished off with Laurence Tolfrey (44) top scoring.

Bournemouth II found themselves embroiled in a controversial finish when Hook & Newnham Basics visited Chapel Gate.

Jonny Coombs led from the front, hitting 92 of Bournemouth's 219 (Jack Owens 33).

Graham Buckingham (55) underpinned Hook's run chase, which ended in dramatic fashion.

Last pair Glen Williams (26) and four-wicket left-armer Alex Cates were at the crease when Bournemouth claimed an extra-cover catch, which was disallowed by the umpires. Hook went on to win.

DYNAMIC DUO: Sam Stoddart, left, with 90 and Tom Kent, right, with 99, whose double-century opening partnership set up Fareham & Crofton's eight-wicket win over Sarisbury Athletic.

HOW THE TITLE RUN-INS COMPARE

Shrewton: Ryde (h), Purbrook (h), Portchester (a), New Milton (h).
Ventnor: Bournemouth (h), St Cross Symondians (a), Hook & Newnham Basics (h), Ryde (a).
Lymington: Fareham & Crofton (a), Locks Heath (h), United Services (h), Ellingham (a).
Portchester: Ellingham (h), Ropley (a), Shrewton (h), Purbrook (a).

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE STANDINGS
(do not include today's games)

	P	W	T	L	Pts	Av
County Division 1						
Shrewton	9	8	0	1	185	20.56
Ventnor II	10	8	0	2	203	20.30
Lymington II	11	8	0	3	209	19.00
Portchester	9	7	0	2	171	19.00
Gosport Borough	10	7	0	3	183	18.30
Ropley	7	5	0	2	124	17.71
Hook & N Basics II	9	5	0	4	143	15.89
Purbrook	9	5	0	4	142	15.78
Ryde	10	5	1	4	156	15.60
Ellingham	10	5	0	5	155	15.50
Fareham & Crofton	10	5	0	5	143	14.30
New Milton II	11	5	1	5	152	13.82
Locks Heath	9	2	2	5	111	12.33
Bournemouth II	10	3	0	7	120	12.00
United Services	12	3	0	9	118	9.83
Sarisbury Athletic II	9	1	0	8	83	9.22
St Cross Syms III	10	2	0	8	90	9.00
Rowledge II	7	0	0	7	38	5.43
County Division 2						
OTs & Romsey II	10	9	1	0	195	19.50
Burridge II	9	7	0	2	170	18.89
Amport	11	8	0	3	203	18.45
Hayling Island	11	8	0	3	202	18.36
Bedhampton	11	7	0	4	187	17.00
Bransgore	9	5	0	4	132	14.67
Compton & CF	10	5	1	4	146	14.60
Old Basing	9	5	0	4	124	13.78
Cadnam	10	4	0	6	135	13.50
Hungerford	9	3	0	6	110	12.22
Highfield	7	2	0	5	84	12.00
Easton & Martyr W	8	3	0	5	94	11.75
Basingstoke III	8	3	0	5	89	11.13
Rowner	8	2	0	6	87	10.88
Longparish	8	2	0	6	84	10.50
Liphook & Rip II	10	2	0	8	104	10.40
Mudeford	8	2	0	6	81	10.13
Division 3 North						
Andover II	7	6	0	1	140	20.00
Redlynch & Hale	8	6	0	2	154	19.25
St Cross Syms IV	9	7	0	2	171	19.00
Petersfield	9	6	0	3	165	18.33
East Woodhay	8	5	0	3	134	16.75
South Newton	8	5	0	3	126	15.75
OTs & Romsey III	8	5	0	3	122	15.25
South Wilts III	9	5	0	4	136	15.11
Michelmersh & T	9	5	0	4	133	14.78
Overton	7	3	0	4	97	13.86
Hartley Wintney II	8	3	0	5	106	13.25
Hursley Park II	10	4	0	6	129	12.90
Steep	6	2	0	4	73	12.17
Littleton & West Hill	7	3	0	4	85	12.14
Hook & N Basics III	8	3	0	5	95	11.88
Steeple Langford	8	1	0	7	77	9.63
Whitchurch	8	1	0	7	60	7.50
Wellow & Plaitford	7	1	0	6	13	1.86
Division 3 South						
Sway	9	9	0	0	199	22.11
Bishops Waltham	9	8	0	1	192	21.33
Fair Oak II	9	6	0	3	156	17.33
Hambledon II	10	7	0	3	172	17.20
Sarisbury III	10	6	0	4	161	16.10
Langley Manor II	11	6	0	5	174	15.82
Bramshaw	9	5	0	4	140	15.56
Follands	10	6	0	4	153	15.30
Portsmouth II	9	5	0	4	136	15.11
So'ton Community	10	6	0	4	137	13.70
Calmore Sports II	10	4	0	6	135	13.50
Woodgreen	10	4	0	6	134	13.40
Flamingo	9	4	0	5	120	13.33
Paultons II	10	4	0	6	130	13.00
Trojans II	10	3	0	7	114	11.40
Purbrook II	11	2	0	9	107	9.73
Fawley II	11	3	0	8	105	9.55
Locks Heath II	11	1	0	10	75	6.82
Division 4 North						
Liss	9	9	0	0	208	23.11
Sparsholt II	8	7	0	1	161	20.13
Mottisfont	8	7	0	1	155	19.38
Hobos	9	6	0	3	153	17.00
Amesbury	9	6	0	3	146	16.22
Alton III	9	5	0	4	145	16.11
AWE Tadley	6	3	0	3	93	15.50
Wherwell	9	5	0	4	139	15.44
IBM Hursley	8	5	0	3	120	15.00
Dinton	10	6	0	4	141	14.10
Donnington	8	3	0	5	93	11.63
Hurstbourne	10	3	0	7	109	10.90
Whiteparish	8	3	0	5	87	10.88
Compton & CF II	8	2	0	6	78	9.75
Winterslow	9	2	0	7	86	9.56
Holybourne	9	2	0	7	74	8.22
Andover III	9	1	0	8	62	6.89
Crown Taverners	7	1	0	6	32	4.57
Division 4 South						
Parley	10	10	0	0	223	22.30
Hythe & Dibden	9	6	0	3	162	18.00
Bidbury	9	7	0	2	161	17.89
Gosport Borough II	10	6	0	4	171	17.10
Ryde II	7	4	0	3	113	16.14
Peartree	11	6	0	5	174	15.82
Verwood	10	6	0	4	155	15.50
Portsmouth & S'sea II	10	5	0	5	148	14.80
Old Netley	9	5	0	4	132	14.67
Bashley (Rydal) III	10	5	0	5	144	14.40
Ferndown Wayfarers	10	5	0	5	132	13.20
Emsworth	10	4	0	6	123	12.30
Wickham	8	3	0	5	90	11.25
Bishops Waltham II	10	3	0	7	112	11.20
Compton	11	3	0	8	113	10.27
Mansbridge	8	2	0	6	76	9.50
Ellingham II	9	2	0	7	71	7.89
United Services II	9	2	0	7	55	6.11

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Hampshire fixtures 2014

April

6 Worcestershire (CC) .....Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 263 (Ervine 93, Adams 67) and 27-1 drew with Worcestershire 350-7 (Coles 3-58)

13 Gloucestershire (CC) .....Bristol
Hampshire 422 (J Vince 144, A Wheater 82) and 215-2 (M Carberry 100no, J Vince 58no) beat Gloucestershire 302 (K Abbott 5-67, J Tomlinson 4-68) and 322 by eight wickets.

20 Derbyshire (CC) .....Derby
Hampshire 328 (W Smith 70, J Gatting 67) and 236-3 (J Adams 84, J Vince 50no, M Carberry 47) drew with Derbyshire 399 (K Abbott 4-84).

27 Surrey (CC) .....Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 400-6 (J Vince 156, J Adams 65) drew with Surrey 99-2.

May

5 Cardiff MCCU (Uni) .....Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 383-8 dec (L McManus 108) and 212-3 dec (L McManus 106*) drew with Cardiff 173 all out and 165-4.

11 Glamorgan (CC) .....Ageas Bowl
Glamorgan 234 (S Ervine 3-36, M Coles 3-39, K Abbott 3-66) & 187 (J Tomlinson 3-40, K Abbott 3-43) lost to Hampshire 345 (M Carberry 66, L Dawson 64, J Vince 61) & 68-4 by 6 wickets.

16 Glamorgan (t20) .....Ageas Bowl
Glamorgan 161-7 (Briggs 3-23) beat Hampshire 151-6 by 10 runs.

18 Leicestershire (CC) .....Leicester
Hampshire 332-10 (Vince 70, Wheater 57, Adams 40, Ervine 40, Abbott 40) & 338-9 dec (Smith 46, Gatting 44, Vince 56, Wheater 46, Coles 83) beat Leicestershire 296-10 (Abbott 4-55, Tomlinson 4-49) & 96-10 (Briggs 4-13, Coles 3-24) by 278 runs.

23 Sussex (t20) .....Hove
Hampshire 177-5 (Vince 52) beat Sussex 159-5 by 18 runs.

25 Middlesex (t20) .....Northwood
Hampshire 198-2 (Vince 68, Shah 49) beat Middlesex 151-9 (Briggs 3-20) by 47 runs.

30 Essex (t20) .....Ageas Bowl
Essex 145-5 lost to Hampshire 146-2 (J Vince 57no, O Shah 50no) by eight wickets.

June

1 Derbyshire (CC) .....Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 388 (A Wheater 87, W Smith 82, J Adams 60, M Bates 50) & 214-5 dec (J Adams 67) drew with Derbyshire 257 (D Briggs 5-50, K Abbott 3-48) & 107-8 (J Tomlinson 3-16).

5 Kent (t20) .....Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 171-7 (M Carberry 73, J Adams 47) bt Kent 144-4 (D Briggs 3-28) by 27 runs.

8 Worcestershire (CC) .....New Road
Worcestershire 402-9 dec (D Balcombe 3-53) drew with Hampshire 219 (W Smith 67, J Vince 48) and 321-5 (M Carberry 125, G Maxwell 85).

13 Somerset (t20) .....Taunton
Somerset 176-4 bt Hampshire 175-7 (M Carberry 38) by one run.

15 Essex (CC) .....Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 286 & 440-3 dec (J Vince 240, W Smith 151no) bt Essex 121 (K Abbott 5-44, J Tomlinson 3-25) & 135 (K Abbott 3-23) by 470 runs.

20 Gloucs (t20) .....Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 180-6 (J Adams 69no, J VInce 39) beat Gloucestershire 178-8 (W Smith 3-26) by two runs.

25 Glamorgan (t20) .....Cardiff
Hampshire 170-6(M Carberry 59, J Adams 52) bt Glamorgan 164-6 by 6 runs.

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

TOP SCORES FR

JAMES Vince last weekend struck one of the highest t20 scores by a Hampshire batsman to help the county through to a fifth successive Finals Day.

The captain led by example with an unbeaten 93 off just 51 balls in the five-wicket win against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

Vince struck 11 fours and four sixes in a superb knock which had team-mate Sean Ervine talking up his England limited overs chances.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks back at Hampshire's highest innings in t20 cricket since it first arrived on the domestic scene in 2003.

124* Michael Lumb (v Essex, Rose Bowl, 2009)

Hampshire's first t20 centurion was opener Michael Lumb.

He reached three figures off 56 balls against Essex with 11 fours and four sixes.

Lumb finished with an undefeated 124 off 69 balls as Hampshire totalled 219-2.

Michael Carberry joined in the fun, with 62 off 42 deliveries.

Essex started badly, Alastair Cook being dismissed by Dominic Cork off the first ball of the third over for a single and Varun Chopra falling for a duck three balls later.

Sean Ervine came on to clean up the tail and end with 3-19 as Essex were all out for 144 to lose by 75 runs.

Lumb's score is the fifth highest in the English t20 tournament, which started in 2003.

Until this year it was the third highest, but Luke Wright (153no) and ex-Hampshire all-rounder Dan Christian (129) have beaten it in recent months.

GR Napier (152no) and Cameron White (141no) are the only other batsmen with higher scores than Lumb.

Lumb's century remains the only one of his entire t20 career, and went a long way towards earning him a call up for the 2010 t20 World Cup, which England won in the Caribbean.

Lumb, who left Hampshire prior to start of the 2012 season, has gone on to collect 27 t20 international caps, and after winning his place back has been a regular in 2014.

101* Jimmy Adams (v Surrey, Rose Bowl, 2010)

Hampshire skipper Jimmy Adams passed his previous t20 best of 68 en route to becoming the county's second t20 centurion in June 2010.

Prior to the game, all the attention had been on Kevin Pietersen who was making a rare appearance for the county.

But KP only made 15, while Adams collected a 65-ball unbeaten century with seven fours and four sixes.

With Sean Ervine slamming a 34-ball 54, Hampshire finished on 201-2.

Mark Ramprakash (61) was Surrey's main dangerman, but once he was out Hampshire were always favourites – though Surrey did make their hosts sweat before finishing on 191-9.

RECORD BREAKER: Michael Lumb celebrates reaching three figures against Essex in 2009.

CELEBRATION: Michael Carberry reaches his century against Lancashire.

100* Jimmy Adams (v Glamorgan, Rose Bowl, 2010)

A few weeks after reaching three figures against Surrey, Adams repeated the feat at The Rose Bowl against Glamorgan.

His second century was slightly quicker, taking 61 balls and including 16 fours.

With James Vince (39) contributing to a second wicket stand of 90 with his captain, Hampshire posted 199-5.

In reply, Glamorgan slipped to 81-5 before No 8 Mark Wallace lashed 42 off 26 balls to help them total 145-9.

Adams remains the only batsman to score two centuries in the same t20 season in England.

His 2010 aggregate of 668 runs from 19 t20 innings remains an English tournament record.

100* Michael Carberry (v Lancashire, Ageas Bowl, 2013)

Michael Carberry's first ever t20 century helped Hampshire reach another Finals Day on a night of real drama at West End.

The England international compiled an unbeaten 100, reaching three figures off the last ball of the Hampshire innings.

Carberry, who smacked 11 fours and three sixes, put on 110 for the first wicket in only 9.6 overs with James Vince (60).

Their efforts enabled Hampshire to set a daunting 201-3 target.

But Lancashire fell just one run short on 201-4, after Karl Brown had top scored with 49 and fifth wicket pair Steven Croft (43no off 29 balls) and Gareth Cross (32no off 17 balls) had set alarm bells ringing late on.

97* Shane Watson (v Kent, Rose Bowl, 2004)

Australian all-rounder Shane Watson was left agonisingly near

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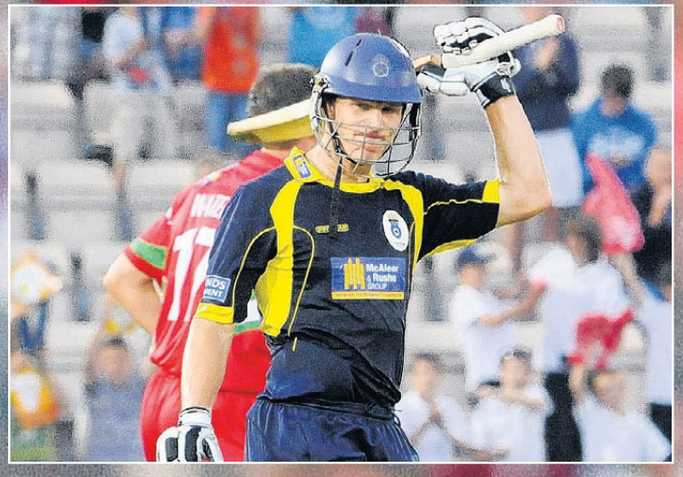
County's ten best knocks since '03



TON OF FUN: Jimmy Adams reaches his century v Glamorgan

Hampshire's first t20 century in his first spell with the county a decade ago.

Coming in at No 3 after opener John Crawley had fallen first ball, Watson struck an unbeaten 97 off 68 balls with nine fours and three sixes.

After Hampshire had posted 177-3, current Hampshire star Michael Carberry was out for a second ball duck when Kent began their reply.

Carberry was caught by Dimi Mascarenhas off the bowling of James Bruce, and Kent subsided to 113 all out with Mascarenhas bagging 3-30.

93* James Vince (v Notts, Trent Bridge, 2014)

93 Michael Lumb v Middlesex, Rose Bowl, 2009)

Nineteen days after his unbeaten hundred against Essex, Lumb went close to a second century.

Playing against a Middlesex side including his former county colleague Shaun Udal, Lumb blazed 11 fours and three sixes in his 52-ball innings before he was stumped going for another big hit.

Hampshire posted 183-6 before Owais Shah, who made his t20 debut for Hampshire earlier this summer and who is expected to play for them on Finals Day at Edgbaston, hit 45 off 40 balls in reply.

But even with Billy Godleman top scoring with 57, the visitors could only reply with 155-5.

90 Michael Carberry (v Middlesex, Rose Bowl, 2006)

Michael Carberry blazed his way to 90 off 59 balls with seven fours and two sixes.

He took part in a blistering opening stand of 122 with youngster Mitchell Stokes, whose 62 came off just 39 balls and contained five sixes and four fours.

Australian Dominic Thornely then came in to lash a 21-ball 50 – Hampshire's fastest t20 half century until Glenn Maxwell beat that record in 2012.

Hampshire posted a daunting 225-2, and Thornely completed a fine evening's work by taking 3-30 as the visitors could only muster 166-9.

89* Neil McKenzie (v Gloucestershire, Gloucester, 2011)

Hampshire were indebted to South African star Neil McKenzie for winning at Archdeacon Meadow.

The visitors were struggling on 61-3 after 8.5 overs with Michael Lumb run out cheaply and James Vince being bowled for a three-ball duck by Muttiah Muralitharan.

McKenzie's unbeaten 89 - the next highest score was Jimmy Adams' 22 - came off just 53 balls and contained 11 fours and two sixes.

After Hampshire had amassed 165-4, Gloucestershire were restricted to 155-6 with both Dominic Cork (2-27) and Danny Briggs (2-26) bowling economical four-over spells.

87* MA Carberry (v Sussex, Ageas Bowl, 2014)

Michael Carberry's third highest t20 score for Hampshire was eventually overshadowed by a Luke Wright hundred.

But the opener's 63-ball undefeated 87, containing five fours and five sixes, was enough to help his side triumph.

With Jimmy Adams hitting 52 and Sean Ervine providing a 14-ball cameo 32 not out, Hampshire posted 177-3.

Only two Sussex batsman reached double figures, with Chris Nash (28) helping Wright put on 69 for the first wicket.

After Nash departed, Wright took up the challenge virtually on his own, ending on 116 not out with 13 fours and four sixes.

But that century was made in a losing cause, as Sussex finished on 171-8.

Hampshire fixtures 2014

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27 Surrey (t20) .....Oval
Hampshire 131-9 lost to Surrey 137-2 by eight wickets.

28 Surrey (CC) .....Oval
Surrey 474-8 and 13-0 drew with Hampshire 354 all out (Smith 82, Ervine 80, Adams 79)

July

4 Kent (t20) .....Canterbury
Hampshire 173-9 beat Kent 126 all out (Wood 4-24) by 47 runs.

6 Somerset (t20) .....Ageas Bowl
Somerset 155-4 beat Hampshire 116 all out by 39 runs.

7 Gloucs (CC) .....Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 297 (Balcombe 65*) and 213-6 (Vince 63) drew with Gloucestershire 504-8 dec.

11 Middlesex (t20) .....Ageas Bowl
Middlesex 173-6 bt Hampshire 123 by 50 runs.

13 Essex (CC) .....Colchester
Hampshire 246 (A Wheater 107, N Rimmington 65no) & 171 (M Carberry 56) lost to Essex 285 & 136-8 (L Dawson 4-58, D Briggs 4-61) by two wickets.

18 Sussex (t20) .....Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 177-3 (M Carberry 87no, J Adams 52, S Ervine 32no) bt Sussex 171-8 (D Briggs 4-28) by six runs.

22 Essex (t20) .....Chelmsford
Essex 167-9 (W Smith 3-17) lost to Hampshire 168-5 (M Carberry 57, M Coles 54) by five wickets.

26 Derbyshire (RLC) .....Derby
Derbyshire 340-5 bt Hampshire 204 (M Carberry 55) by 136 runs.

27 Lancashire (RLC) .....Old Trafford
Hampshire 360-9 (G Maxwell 146, S Ervine 64, W Smith 49, J Adams 41) bt Lancashire 212 by 148 runs.

31 Gloucs (RLC) .....Bristol
Gloucestershire 233 bt Hampshire 198 (J Adams 48, W Smith 47) by 35 runs.

August

3 Notts (t20 QF) .....Trent Bridge
Notts 197-2 lost to Hampshire 198-5 (J Vince 93no, S Ervine 39) by five wickets.

6 Leicestershire (RLC) .....Ageas Bowl
Hampshire 275-9 (S Terry 63, M Carberry 61) lost to Leics 186-4 by 6 wickets (Duckworth/Lewis method).

8 Northants (RLC) .....Ageas Bowl

11 Worcs (RLC) .....Ageas Bowl

13 Essex (RLC) .....Chelmsford

14 Sri Lanka A (Tour) .....Ageas Bowl

15 Kent (CC) .....Canterbury

21 Yorkshire (RLC) .....Ageas Bowl

31 Leicestershire (CC) .....Ageas Bowl

September

15 Kent (CC) .....Ageas Bowl

23 Glamorgan (CC) .....Cardiff

Key: CC = county championship. t20 = NatWest t20 Blast. RLC = Royal London Cup (50 overs).

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NATWEST T20 BLAST AVERAGES

HAMPSHIRE BATTING

	M	Ins	No	Runs	HS	Av	100	50
MA Carberry	13	13	1	414	87*	34.50	0	4
JM Vince	15	15	2	398	93*	30.61	0	4
JHK Adams	15	15	1	394	69*	28.14	0	3
SM Ervine	15	13	2	253	47	23.00	0	0
WR Smith	15	12	5	178	37	25.42	0	0
MT Coles	14	10	2	175	54	21.87	0	1
OA Shah	5	5	3	149	50*	74.50	0	1
GJ Maxwell	11	11	0	127	30	11.54	0	0
AJA Wheater	10	6	2	110	34	27.50	0	0
CP Wood	14	6	2	58	27	14.50	0	0
MD Bates	5	5	2	38	15	12.66	0	0
KJ Abbott	12	3	1	27	16	13.50	0	0
LA Dawson	3	1	1	10	10*	0	0	0
JS Gatting	2	1	1	5	5*	-	0	0
DR Briggs	14	3	3	3	1*	-	0	0
NJ Rimmington	1	1	0	0	0	-	0	0
BJ Taylor	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	0

HAMPSHIRE BOWLING

	Rns	Wkts	BB	Ave	4wl	SR	Ec
DR Briggs	402	21	4-28	19.14	1	15.71	7.30
WR Smith	380	17	3-17	22.35	0	18.70	7.16
CP Wood	445	16	4-24	27.81	1	19.37	8.61
MT Coles	419	18	2-24	23.27	0	17.66	7.90
KJ Abbott	377	7	2-14	53.85	0	39.42	8.19
LA Dawson	92	3	2-36	30.66	0	24.00	7.66
JM Vince	19	1	1-19	19.00	0	12.00	9.50
SM Ervine	141	1	1-16	141.00	0	72.00	11.75
GJ Maxwell	34	0	-	-	-	-	11.33
NJ Rimmington	30	0	-	-	-	-	7.50
BJ Taylor	16	0	-	-	-	-	16.00

LANCASHIRE BATTING

	M	Ins	No	Runs	HS	Av	100	50
AP Agathangelou	3	2	0	21	21	10.50	0	0
K Ali	10	5	2	28	19*	9.33	0	0
JM Anderson	2	1	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
KR Brown	13	13	1	371	67*	30.91	0	3
JC Buttler	8	8	2	239	58*	39.83	0	2
J Clark	13	10	5	149	44	29.80	0	0
SJ Croft	13	13	4	240	76*	26.66	0	1
AL Davies	7	6	0	18	7	3.00	0	0
A Flintoff	2	1	0	1	1	1.00	0	0
PJ Horton	13	11	2	255	71*	28.33	0	2
KM Jarvis	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Junaid Khan	10	1	0	9	9	9.00	0	0
AM Lilley	9	5	2	13	12*	4.33	0	0
SD Parry	13	4	4	12	10*	-	0	0
AG Prince	7	7	0	270	68	38.57	0	2
TC Smith	12	12	0	320	74	26.66	0	3
U Khawaja	2	2	0	111	67	55.50	0	1
WA White	4	4	1	25	11*	8.33	0	0

LANCASHIRE BOWLING

	Rns	Wkts	BB	Ave	4wl	SR	Ec
Junaid Khan	266	19	4-12	14.00	1	12.31	6.82
K Ali	284	19	3-19	14.94	0	11.68	7.67
SJ Croft	258	11	3-31	23.45	0	21.27	6.61
J Clark	230	8	4-22	28.75	1	19.50	8.84
A Flintoff	62	5	3-26	12.40	0	9.60	7.75
AM Lilley	193	5	2-28	38.60	0	28.80	8.04
SD Parry	325	5	2-12	65.00	0	51.60	7.55
WA White	124	4	2-31	31.00	0	21.00	8.85
KM Jarvis	50	3	2-25	16.66	0	14.00	7.14
TC Smith	118	3	1-10	39.33	0	28.00	8.42
JM Anderson	52	2	1-17	26.00	0	18.00	8.66

WARWICKSHIRE BATTING

	M	Ins	No	Rns	HS	Av	100	50
V Chopra	13	13	2	472	86*	42.90	0	5
WTS Porterfield	13	13	0	392	74	30.15	0	3
LJ Evans	13	11	4	221	69*	31.57	0	1
Shoaib Malik	6	6	1	200	50	40.00	0	1
JP Webb	11	11	0	154	50	14.00	0	1
R Clarke	10	9	1	153	70*	19.12	0	1
A Javid	12	10	5	130	27	26.00	0	0
TR Ambrose	11	7	2	58	22	11.60	0	0
JS Patel	13	6	3	44	21*	14.66	0	0
IJL Trott	2	2	0	40	39	20.00	0	0
CR Woakes	4	3	1	28	17*	14.00	0	0
FRJ Coleman	1	1	1	20	20*	-	0	0
CJC Wright	9	3	2	5	3*	5.00	0	0
KHD Barker	3	2	0	4	4	2.00	0	0
OJ Hannon-Dalby	5	1	1	2	2*	-	0	0
WB Rankin	7	2	1	2	1*	2.00	0	0
RO Gordon	6	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
PJ McKay	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
JE Poysden	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
PM Best	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-

WARWICKSHIRE BOWLING

	Rns	Wkts	BB	Ave	4wl	SR	Ec
JS Patel	265	23	4-19	11.52	1	12.26	5.63
WB Rankin	233	12	3-34	19.41	0	13.00	8.96
CJC Wright	322	10	3-37	32.20	0	20.40	9.47
RO Gordon	147	9	3-18	16.33	0	11.33	8.64
KHD Barker	79	3	2-18	26.33	0	21.66	7.29
R Clarke	152	7	1-5	21.71	0	23.14	5.62
A Javid	182	7	2-20	26.00	0	27.00	5.77
OJ Hannon-Dalby	138	5	2-17	27.60	0	19.00	8.71
CR Woakes	129	4	2-33	32.25	0	22.50	8.60
Shoaib Malik	166	4	2-21	41.50	0	30.00	8.30
LJ Evans	20	0	-	-	-	-	10.00
JE Poysden	26	0	-	-	-	-	8.66
PM Best	29	0	-	-	-	-	7.25

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AFTER reaching Finals Day for a record fifth successive season by beating Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge for the second time in three years, it is hard to escape the sense that Hampshire have bottled the form and spirit of 2012.

Two years after qualifying for Finals Day with one of their most dramatic limited-overs wins, Hampshire returned to Trent Bridge to complete another quarter-final victory, by chasing down an even bigger total.

James Vince's heroics last Sunday completed one of the best weeks in Hampshire's history following the successful staging of the Ageas Bowl Test.

The personnel might be slightly different, but there are other uncanny similarities with the double-winning season of 2012.

Here are three:

1 Before chasing down an improbable target at Trent Bridge, Hampshire regained momentum at the end of an inconsistent group stage that included back-to-back home defeats.

2 Glenn Maxwell is unavailable for Finals Day after playing in most of the South Division matches.

3 Hampshire are playing under a new T20 captain this year. Dimi Mascarenhas replaced Dominic Cork two years ago and this season the mantle has been passed on to James Vince, who is leading from the front with the bat as his predecessor did with the ball.

The superstitious will also be encouraged that 2014 is an even number.

Both of Hampshire's T20 successes, at The Rose Bowl in 2010 and the Swalec Stadium in 2012, came after perfectly-timed run chases away from home at the quarter-final stage; inspired by Vince's 52-ball 66 not out against Warwickshire at Edgbaston as well as Neil McKenzie's 49-ball 79 not out at Notts.

But the portents are not all good. What the game against Lancashire on August 23 does provide is the chance for Hampshire to end their semi-final hoodoo at Edgbaston, which is hosting Finals Day for the sixth time this year – and will do so again in 2015 and 2016.

Hampshire's group form in 2011 and 2013 was good enough to qualify for Finals Day via home quarter-finals, but they were followed by semi-final defeats at Edgbaston, to Somerset and Surrey.

Shahid Afridi's Super Over misery against Somerset in 2011 and last year's below-par display against Maxwell's Surrey are two results Hampshire will be determined to avoid repeating.

Heroics

Vince will prefer to remember his heroics on the same ground in the 2010 quarter-final, which was only surpassed as the best T20 innings of his career by last week's 51-ball 93 not out.

"I got man-of-the-match a few years ago in a quarter-final at Warwickshire and that meant a lot at a young age but this time as captain, chasing a score like that and to see it through, means it's right up there with my best innings," he said.

Hampshire's players will take on Lancashire in the second semi-final with confidence, given that they are the first side to reach five successive Finals Day.

"It's a record and a lot of people will be asking "what's the magic formula?" but we've just got a good group of lads who put on big performances on the big occasions," said Sean Ervine.

BRIDGE OF HIGHS: James Vince during his match-winning knock at Trent Bridge last weekend.

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HE SPIRIT OF 2012

Lancashire will also be playing at Finals Day for the fifth time, while Surrey are there for a record sixth occasion and will feel like the away side when they take on Warwickshire in the first game of the day.

Hampshire will be without an overseas player at Finals Day for the first time, following confirmation of Kyle Abbott and Glenn Maxwell's unavailability.

But there is no reason why they should not succeed without them given the talent of this XI: James Vince, Michael Carberry, Jimmy Adams, Liam Dawson, Owais Shah, Sean Ervine, Will Smith, Adam Wheater, Matt Coles, Chris Wood and Danny Briggs.

With the exception of Shah for Maxwell, it is the same team that returned to form with back-to-back wins at the end of the group stage, momentum that has gathered further pace ahead of their date with Jos Buttler and company in a fortnight's time.

THE GLUMS: Hampshire players' faces say it all as they shake hands with their Surrey counterparts after losing last year's T20 semi final at Edgbaston.

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SURREY BATTING

	M	Ins	No	Runs	HS	Av	100	50
JJ Roy	14	14	1	619	81*	47.61	0	8
GC Wilson	15	14	3	364	63*	33.09	0	2
KP Pietersen	12	11	2	212	39	23.55	0	0
Azhar Mahmood	15	12	4	192	36*	24.00	0	0
TM Dilshan	7	7	0	173	46	24.71	0	0
HM Amla	4	4	1	164	61*	54.66	0	2
SM Davies	10	9	0	134	27	14.88	0	0
KJ O'Brien	9	6	2	80	40*	20.00	0	0
RJ Peterson	15	9	4	78	24*	15.60	0	0
RJ Burns	4	4	1	31	28	10.33	0	0
ZS Ansari	14	6	4	30	15*	15.00	0	0
GC Smith	2	2	0	27	20	13.50	0	0
JW Dernbach	8	1	1	24	24*	-	0	0
GJ Batty	13	4	2	16	7	8.00	0	0
VS Solanki	1	1	1	13	13*	-	0	0
CT Tremlett	2	1	1	11	11*	-	0	0
A Kapil	2	1	1	2	2*	-	0	0
SC Meaker	2	1	1	1	1*	-	0	0
TK Curran	9	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
MP Dunn	6	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
GA Edwards	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-

SURREY BOWLING

	Rns	Wkts	BB	Ave	4wI	SR	Ec
Azhar Mahmood	429	16	3-38	26.81	0	21.50	7.48
MP Dunn	172	12	3-8	14.33	0	10.50	8.19
GJ Batty	337	11	2-26	30.63	0	25.63	7.17
TK Curran	193	9	3-23	21.44	0	16.66	7.72
JW Dernbach	204	9	2-22	22.66	0	17.33	7.84
RJ Peterson	320	9	2-12	35.55	0	28.66	7.44
ZS Ansari	184	8	3-27	23.00	0	17.25	8.00
KJ O'Brien	158	6	2-22	26.33	0	21.00	7.52
TM Dilshan	119	5	2-21	23.80	0	24.00	5.95
SC Meaker	60	4	4-30	15.00	1	10.50	8.57
CT Tremlett	18	2	1-5	9.00	0	9.00	6.00
A Kapil	11	1	1-11	11.00	0	6.00	11.00
GA Edwards	12	0	-	-	-	-	6.00
JJ Roy	16	0	-	-	-	-	16.00

HAMPSHIRE'S ROUTE TO EDGBASTON

May 16th (Ageas Bowl)
Glamorgan 161-7 (D. Briggs 3-26), Hampshire 151-6 (M. Coles 42, W. Owen 3-32).
Glamorgan won by 10 runs

May 23th (Hove)
Hampshire 177-5 (J. Vince 52), Sussex 159-5 (E. Joyce 56)
Hampshire won by 18 runs

May 25th (Northwood)
Hampshire 198-2 (J. Vince 68, O. Shah 49), Middlesex 151-9 (P. Stirling 40, D. Briggs 3-20).
Hampshire won by 47 runs

May 30th (Ageas Bowl)
Essex 145-5 (B. Foakes 43), Hampshire 146-2 (J. Vince 57*, O. Shah 50*).
Hampshire won by 8 wickets

June 5th (Ageas Bowl)
Hampshire 171-7 (M. Carberry 73, J. Adams 47, D. Bollinger 3-19), Kent 149-4 (R. Key 89, D. Briggs 3-28)
Hampshire won by 22 runs

June 13th (Taunton): Somerset 176-4 (P. Trego 76, C. Kieswetter 57), Hampshire 175-7.
Somerset won by 1 run

June 20th (Ageas Bowl): Hampshire 180-6 (J. Adams 69*), Gloucestershire 178-8 (B. Howell 50, W. Smith 3-26). **Hampshire won by 2 runs**

June 25th (Cardiff): Hampshire 170-6 (M. Carberry 59, J. Adams 52), Glamorgan 164-6.
Hampshire won by 6 runs

June 27th (The Oval): Hampshire 131-9 (A. Mahmood 3-38), Surrey 137-2 (J. Roy 63)
Surrey won by 8 wickets

July 4th (Canterbury): Hampshire 173-9 (S. Ervine 47), Kent 126a/o (C. Wood 4-24)
Hampshire won by 47 runs.

July 6th (Ageas Bowl): Somerset 155-4 (C. Kieswetter 60), Hampshire 116. **Somerset won by 39 runs**

July 11th (Ageas Bowl): Middlesex 173-6 (P. Stirling 64), Hampshire 123 a/o (N. Dexter 3-34).
Middlesex won by 50 runs

July 18th (Ageas Bowl): Hampshire 177-3 (M. Carberry 87*, J. Adams 52), Sussex 171-6 (L. Wright 116*, D. Briggs 4-28). **Hampshire won by 6 runs**

July 22nd (Chelmsford): Essex 167-9 (M. Pettini 44, W. Smith 3-17), Hampshire 168-5 (M. Carberry 57, M. Coles 54). **Hampshire won by 5 wickets**

Quarter Final
August 3rd (Trent Bridge): Nottinghamshire 197-2 (R. Wessels 62*, S. Patel 53*, A. Hales 51), Hampshire 198-5 (J. Vince 93*). **Hampshire won by 5 wickets**

REVIEW OF THE 2014 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

ENGLAND'S GLASGOW MEDALLISTS

Overall 174 - Gold 58, Silver 59, Bronze 57.

Gold

Day one - Jodie Stimpson, women's triathlon.
Day one - Alistair Brownlee, men's triathlon.
Day one - Sophie Thornhill and Helen Scott, track cycling, women's sprint B2 tandem.
Day one - Ashley McKenzie, judo, men's -60kg.
Day one - Colin Oates, judo, men's -66kg.
Day one - Nekoda Davis, judo, women's -57kg.
Day two - Joanna Rowsell, track cycling, women's 3000m individual pursuit.
Day two - Danny Williams, judo, men's -73kg.
Day two - Ben Proud, swimming, men's 50m butterfly.
Day two - Megan Fletcher, judo, women's -70kg.
Day two - Owen Livesey, judo, men's -81kg.
Day two - Chris Walker-Hebborn, swimming, men's 100m backstroke.
Day three - Vicky Holland, Alistair Brownlee, Jodie Stimpson, Jonny Brownlee,triathlon, mixed team relay.
Day three - Zoe Smith, weightlifting, women's 58kg.
Day three - David Luckman and Parag Patel, shooting, Queen's Prize pairs.
Day three - Fran Halsall, swimming, women's 50m freestyle.
Day three - Adam Peaty, swimming, men's 100m breaststroke.
Day four - Charlotte Kerwood, shooting, women's double trap.
Day four - Steve Scott, shooting, men's double trap.
Day four - Sophie Thornhill and Helen Scott, track cycling, women's 1000m time-trial B2 tandem.
Day four - Laura Trott, track cycling, women's 25km points race.
Day four - Siobhan-Marie O'Connor, swimming, women's 200m individual medley.
Day four - Fran Halsall, swimming, women's 50m butterfly.
Day five - Dan Greaves, discus, men's F42/44.
Day five - Nick Matthew, squash, men's singles.
Day five - Ollie Hynd, swimming, men's 200m individual medley SM8.
Day five - Sophie Taylor, swimming, women's 100m breaststroke
Day six - David Luckman, shooting, Queen's Prize individual.
Day six - Daniel Rivers, shooting, men's 50 metres rifle three positions.
Day six - Louis Smith, Kristian Thomas, Max Whitlock, Nile Wilson, Sam Oldham,gymnastics, men's team event.

Day six - Ruby Harrold, Hannah Whelan, Claudia Fragapane, Kelly Simm, right, Rebecca Downie, gymnastics, women's team event.
Day six - Ben Proud, swimming, men's 50m freestyle.
Day six - Chris Walker-Hebborn, Adam Peaty, Adam Barrett, Adam Brown, swimming,4x100 metres relay.
Day seven - Max Whitlock, gymnastics, men's individual all-round.
Day seven - Jack Laugher, diving, men's 1m springboard.
Day seven - Alicia Blagg and Rebecca Gallantree, diving, women's synchronised 3m springboard.
Day seven - Greg Rutherford, athletics, men's long jump.
Day seven - Claudia Fragapane, gymnastics, women's individual all-around.
Day eight - Alex Dowsett, cycling, men's time trial.
Day eight - Max Whitlock, gymnastics, men's floor.
Day eight - Claudia Fragapane, gymnastics, women's vault.
Day eight - Becky Downie, gymnastics, women's uneven bars.
Day eight - Sophie Tolchard, Ellen Falkner and Sian Honnor, lawn bowls, women's triples.
Day eight - David Weir, athletics, men's 1500m T54.
Day nine - Jack Laugher and Chris Mears, diving, men's synchronised 3m springboard.
Day nine - Claudia Fragapane, gymnastics, women's floor.
Day nine - Nile Wilson, gymnastics, men's horizontal bar.
Day nine - Steve Lewis, athletics, men's pole vault.
Day 10 - Nicola Adams, boxing, women's flyweight (48-51kg).
Day 10 - Paul Drinkhall and Joanna Drinkhall, table tennis, mixed doubles.
Day 10 - Savannah Marshall, boxing, women's middleweight.
Day 10 - Scott Fitzgerald, boxing, men's welterweight.
Day 10 - Antony Fowler, boxing, men's middleweight.
Day 10 - Conrad Williams, Michael Bingham, Daniel Awde, Matthew Hudson-Smith, athletics, men's 4x400m relay.
Day 10 - Joe Joyce, boxing, men's heavyweight.
Day 10 - Tom Daley, diving, men's 10m platform.
Day 11 - Gabby Adcock and Chris Adcock, badminton, mixed doubles.

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GLASGOW LACKS SPARK

... but underdogs have their day in antidote to media-managed world of elite sport

YOU could have lined both sides of Sauchiehall Street with its stay-away superstars, and some of those who did show up allegedly found the weather a little bit s*.**

As the hot sun of the opening week gave way to sluices of rain, Glasgow got it from both sides as it sailed gallantly towards its soggy conclusion, ***writes MARK STANIFORTH.***

It is as traditional as neeps and tatties for organising chiefs to use their final press conference to extol the virtues of the 'best Games ever'.

But with memories of sunny Melbourne in 2006 in particular in mind, it is certainly pushing it to lift these two weeks of competence and efficiency to such lofty heights.

Abiding memories

Glasgow's hosting of the Games might have been sturdy as a tenement block but it somehow lacked that sprinkling of extra excitement that might have helped make it great.

The abiding memories of Glasgow 2014 will not so much linger on the host city but on the athletes from vast lands and tiny atolls whose performances captured the imagination.

In that respect, Glasgow presented almost two weeks of sporting action which emphatically underlined the enduring relevance of the Commonwealth Games within the quadrennial calendar.

Filling the gaps left by the respective absences of Mo Farah, Mark Cavendish and Yohan Blake, were the stories of athletes as unlikely as they were honoured to simply play a part.

From the tiny Pacific island chain of Kiribati came 105kg weightlifter David Katoatau, who celebrated his nation's first gold medal with a victory jig and a spot of guitar playing.

From Lesotho came teenage squash player Ntholeng Lechesa, hopelessly outclassed in his men's first round match by Chris Binnie but for whom the single point he won was as precious as the gold hung round the shoulders of Nick Matthew.

From St Helena came a team whose journey to the Games lasted exactly as long as the 11 days of sporting action, and will turn to head home glowing with pride at having raised their flag alongside the giants at Celtic Park.

Their stories may have been short on sporting excellence, but they provided a glorious antidote to the media-managed world of elite sport whose thumping dominance so often succeeds in rendering such stories obsolete.

Corporate uniformity

It is that almost arbitrary embracing of the bottom end of the sporting spectrum that makes the Commonwealth Games unique, and needs to be protected from that ever-threatening tide of corporate uniformity as it heads towards Gold Coast four years from now.

At its best, it was encapsulated by two days of spectacular rugby sevens competition at Ibrox, where mighty All Blacks slapped shoulders with star-struck Sri Lankans, and the famous stands tumbled with chants for Uganda, glorying in their self-appointed status as the 'Last Kings of Scotland'.

The squash at Scotstoun was another great success story and gave the Games the chance to exhibit an element of one-upmanship for as long as the International Olympic Committee continue to overlook the claims of such a compelling sport to join its programme.

The temporary transformation of Hampden Park into a world-class athletics venue was also extraordinary, as seven days of athletics action shrugged off the often torrential rain to provide thrilling moments like Nijel Amos's home straight sprint to deny David Rudisha, and Eilidh Child's gutsy silver in the 400m hurdles.

Compared to the tumult of Delhi four years ago, where everything from giant insects to polluted swimming pool water played havoc with the schedule, the organisational aspects of the Glasgow Games were imperious.

Complacency

Yet perhaps it was an element of complacency which led to a series of irritating issues, from media access to questionable decisions such as the one which took boxing finals night out of its bear-pit at the SECC to the relatively soulless cavern of the adjacent Hydro.

Certainly the crowds who largely flocked to the well-appointed venues relished the occasion, affording as much support to the out-classed competitors of the likes of the Falklands and the Solomon Islands as they did local heroes who repaid their faith with 19 gold medals and an easily best-ever Games.

Glasgow succeeded in showcasing the Commonwealth Games for what it is – an inherently friendly and often exhilarating sporting competition. But both Usain Bolt, left, and Commonwealth Games Federation chief executive Mike Hooper finished up wide of the mark: not s***, not super – but solid.

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REVIEW OF THE 2014 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

OF GREATEST GAMES

Stars of tomorrow fill void left by big-name absentees

ENGLAND ended a Commonwealth Games top of the medals table for the first time since 1986, thanks in no small part to the inspiration of tomorrow's stars.

The likes of Sir Bradley Wiggins, Louis Smith and Mo Farah drove the narrative ahead of Glasgow, yet they were overshadowed – or in the latter's case absent – as new talent came to the fore.

From 16-year-old Claudia Fragapane's four golds in the artistic gymnastics to fellow teenagers Siobhan-Marie O'Connor and Ben Proud in the pool, the success of young English talent has been heartening with the Rio Olympics fast approaching.

Glasgow bore witness to a number of surprise successes, but there was, of course, more glory in sports we have become accustomed to.

Like London 2012, England shone in the cycling, winning a host of gold medals on road and track despite Wiggins only managing silver in the 4,000 metres team pursuit.

The Brownlee brothers' dominance of triathlon continued, with Alistair and Jonathan securing a one-two in the men's event before winning the mixed team relay with women's gold and bronze medallists Jodie Stimpson and Vicky Holland.

At Hampden Park, England impressed despite the absence of 'Super Saturday' stars Farah and Jessica Ennis-Hill.

Greg Rutherford was the only remaining cast member and did his bit, following up his Olympic long jump title of two years ago by leaping to Commonwealth gold.

England took 27 athletics medals in all – more than any other nation – as a new crop of up-and-coming sprinters emerged, such as Adam Gemili, Jodie Williams and Matthew Hudson-Smith.

Impressive

More impressive still was the swimmers' success, given the disappointment of London 2012, where they managed just three medals – none of which were gold.

England claimed 28 medals, including ten golds, with the likes of Proud and O'Connor leading the way.

Only 19, Proud took gold in the 50m butterfly and 50m freestyle at Tollcross, while fellow teenager O'Connor clinched an incredible six medals, including gold in the 200m individual medley.

There was also, of course, two podium-topping performances from Fran Halsall, while in the diving Jack Laugher, just 19, won golds in the 1m springboard and synchronised 3m springboard before star turn Tom Daley weighed in with one of his own from the 10m platform.

In the gymnastics, *Strictly Come Dancing* star Smith made the pre-event headlines but was outshone by others.

The gymnasts excelled at the SSE Hydro, where the diminutive Fragapane became the first English woman to win four golds in a single Commonwealth Games and two-time Olympic medallist Max Whitlock won three golds, a silver and a bronze.

Breakthrough

Like 21-year-old Whitlock, weightlifter Zoe Smith has been on the scene since London 2012, but these Games represented the breakthrough moment, with her back-flip after winning 58kg gold one of the enduring images of Glasgow 2014.

In the ring, there were English golds from Olympic champion Nicola Adams, Savannah Marshall, Scott Fitzgerald, Antony Fowler and Joe Joyce.

There was gold too in the badminton, judo, shooting, lawn bowls, squash and table tennis, as well as medals in the hockey, wrestling and powerlifting.

Such success saw England's athletes comfortably pass their pre-Games medals target range of 130-145. The 142 medals haul from Delhi four years ago was overhauled, as was the 165 won in Manchester in 2002. England finished with 174 medals, including 58 golds – comfortably clear of second-placed Australia.

RECORD BREAKER: Claudia Fragapane won four gold medals in artistic gymnastics.

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Day 11 - Lizzie Armitstead, cycling, women's road race.

Silver

Day one - Jonny Brownlee, men's triathlon.
Day one - Sir Bradley Wiggins, Steven Burke, Ed Clancy and Andy Tennant, track cycling, men's 4000m team pursuit.
Day one - Jason Kenny, Philip Hindes, Kian Emadi, track cycling, men's team sprint.
Day one - Siobhan-Marie O'Connor, swimming, women's 200m freestyle.
Day one - Kelly Edwards, judo, women's -52kg.
Day one - Aimee Willmott, swimming, women's 400m individual medley.
Day one - Siobhan-Marie O'Connor, Fran Halsall, Amy Smith, Becki Turner,(Lauren Quigley, Jess Lloyd, Amelia Maughan) swimming, women's 4x100m freestyle relay.
Day two - Jason Kenny, track cycling, men's sprint.
Day two - Tom Reed, judo, men's -81kg.
Day two - Stephanie Slater, swimming, women's 100m freestyle S8.
Day two - Siobhan-Marie O'Connor, swimming, women's 100m butterfly.
Day three - Gemma Gibbons, judo, women's -78kg.
Day three - Thomas Hamer, swimming, men's 200m freestyle S14.
Day three - Jodie Myers, judo, women's +78kg.
Day four - Matthew French, shooting, men's double trap.
Day four - Bethy Woodward, athletics, women's T37/38 long jump.
Day four - Natalie Melmore, lawn bowls, women's singles.
Day five - Laura Massaro, squash, women's singles.
Day five - Andrew Baggaley, Paul Drinkhall, Liam Pitchford, Danny Reed, Sam Walker, table tennis, men's team.
Day five - James Willstrop, squash, men's singles.
Day five - Chris Adcock, Gabby Adcock, Andrew Ellis, Chris Langridge, Heather Olver, Rajiv Ouseph, Peter Mills, Kate Robertshaw, Lauren Smith, Sara Walker,badminton, mixed team.
Day five - Aimee Willmott, swimming, women's 200m butterfly.
Day five - Adam Peaty, swimming, men's 50m breaststroke.
Day five - Adam Gemili, below, athletics, men's 100m.
Day six - Aaron Heading, shooting, men's trap.
Day six - Yana Rattigan, wrestling, women's freestyle 48kg.
Day six - Lauren Quigley, swimming, women's 50m backstroke.
Day six - Laura Samuel, athletics, women's triple jump.
Day six - Will Sharman, athletics, 100m hurdles.
Day six - Lauren Quigley, Sophie Taylor, Siobhan-Marie O'Connor, Fran Halsall, swimming, women's 4 x 100 metres medley relay.
Day six - Ashley Bryant, athletics, men's decathlon.
Day six - Laura Weightman, athletics, women's 1,500m.
Day six - Nick Miller, athletics, men's hammer.
Day seven - Tonia Couch and Sarah Barrow, diving, women's synchronised 10m platform.
Day seven - Ruby Harrold, gymnastics, women's individual all-around.
Day eight - Emma Pooley, cycling, women's time trial.
Day eight - Max Whitlock, gymnastics, men's pommel horse.
Day eight - Jack Laugher, diving, men's 3m springboard.
Day eight - Jazmin Sawyers, athletics, women's long jump.
Day eight - Jodie Williams, athletics, women's 200m.
Day nine - Nile Wilson, gymnastics, men's parallel bars.
Day nine - Kristian Thomas, men's vault.
Day nine - John McGuinness, Andrew Knapper, Stuart Airey, Jamie Chestney, lawn bowls, men's fours.
Day nine - Jamie-Lea Winch and Natalie Melmore, lawn bowls, women's pairs.
Day nine - Kristian Thomas, gymnastics, men's horizontal bar.
Day nine - James Denny and Tom Daley, diving, men's synchronised 10m platform.
Day nine - Isobel Pooley, athletics, women's high jump.
Day nine - Luke Cutts, athletics, men's pole vault.
Day nine - Tiffany Porter, athletics, women's 100m hurdles.
Day 10 - Qais Ashfaq, boxing, men's bantamweight (56kg).
Day 10 - Natalie Blake, powerlifting, women's lightweight (61kg).
Day 10 - Jenny Duncalf and Laura Massaro, squash, women's doubles.
Day 10 - Tin Tin Ho and Liam Pitchford, table tennis, mixed doubles.
Day 10 - Adam Gemeli, Harry Aikines Aryeetey, Richard Kilty, Danny Talbot, athletics, men's 4x100m relay.
Day 10 - Maddie Hinch, Sophie Bray, Laura Unsworth, Lily Owsley, Zoe Shipperley, Georgie Twigg, Ellie Watton, Susannah Townsend, Susie Gilbert, Kate Richardson-Walsh, Hollie Webb, Sam Quek, Nicola White, Alex Danson, Lucy Wood, Giselle Ansley, hockey, women's.
Day 11 - Chris Langridge and Heather Olver, badminton, mixed doubles.
Day 11 - Emma Pooley, cycling, women's road race.
Day 11 - Peter Barker and Alison Waters, squash, mixed doubles.
Day 11 - Nick Matthew and Adrian Grant, squash, men's doubles.

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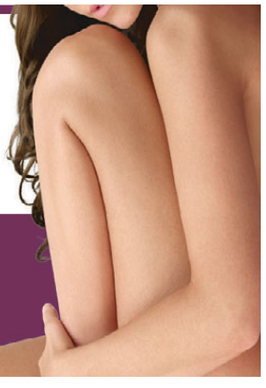

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ENGLAND'S GLASGOW MEDALLISTS

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Bronze

Day one - Vicky Holland, women's triathlon.
Day one - Jess Varnish, track cycling, women's 500m time trial.
Day one - James Guy, swimming, men's 400m freestyle.
Day one - Andrew Willis, swimming, men's 200m breaststroke.
Day two - Daniel Rivers, shooting, men's 10m air rifle.
Day two - Faith Pitman, judo, women's -63kg.
Day two - Katie Jemima Yeats-Brown, judo, women's -63kg.
Day two - Liam Tancock, swimming, men's 100m backstroke.
Day two - Adam Brown, James Disney-May, Adam Barrett, Ben Proud, (Chris Walker-Hebborn, Lewis Coleman) swimming, men's 4x100m freestyle relay.
Day three - Michael Gault, shooting, men's 10m air pistol.
Day three - Rory Warlow, shooting, men's skeet.
Day three - Gary Hall, judo, men's -90kg.
Day three - Molly Renshaw, swimming, women's 200m breaststroke.
Day three - Siobhan-Marie O'Connor, Amelia Maughan, Becki Turner, Ellie Faulkner, (Jess Lloyd, Aimee Willmott) swimming, women's 4x200m freestyle relay.
Day four - Rachel Parish, shooting, women's double trap.
Day four - Jess Varnish, track cycling, women's sprint.
Day four - Liam Tancock, swimming, men's 50m backstroke.
Day five - Peter Barker, squash, men's singles.
Day five - Kenneth Parr, shooting, men's 50m rifle prone.
Day five - Caroline Povey, shooting, women's trap.
Day five - Andrew Knapper and Sam Tolchard, lawn bowls, men's pairs.
Day five - Sophie Hitchon, athletics, hammer.
Day five - Adam Barrett, swimming, men's 100m butterfly.
Day six - Kristian Callaghan, shooting, men's rapid fire pistol.
Day six - Parag Patel, Queen's Prize individual.
Day six - Mike Grundy, men's freestyle 74kg.
Day six - Chinu, wrestling, men's freestyle 125kg.
Day seven - Nile Wilson, gymnastics, men's individual all-round.
Day seven - Leon Rattigan, wrestling, men's freestyle 97kg.
Day seven - Jessica Taylor, athletics, heptathlon.
Day seven - Ben Watson, weightlifting, men's 105kg.
Day seven - Hannah Whelan, gymnastics, women's individual all-around.
Day eight - David Fisher, Paul Brown, Bob Love, bowls, open triples B6/B7/B8.
Day eight - Louis Smith, gymnastics, men's pommel horse.
Day eight - Ruby Harrold, gymnastics, women's uneven bars.
Day eight - Louisa Porogovska, wrestling, women's freestyle 55kg.
Day eight - Oliver Dingley, diving, men's 3m springboard.
Day eight - Jade Jones, athletics, women's 1500m T54.
Day eight - Bianca Williams, athletics, women's 200m.
Day nine - Max Whitlock, gymnastics, men's parallel bars.
Day nine - Nick Robinson-Baker and Freddie Woodward, diving, men's synchronised 3m springboard.
Day nine - Samuel Maxwell, boxing, men's welterweight.
Day nine - Jade Lally, athletics, women's discus.
Day 10 - Ali Jawad, powerlifting, men's lightweight.
Day 10 - Alison Waters and Emma Beddoes, squash, women's doubles.
Day 10 - Danny Reed and Kelly Sibley, table tennis, mixed doubles.
Day 10 - Jo Pavey, athletics, women's 5000m.
Day 10 - Christine Ohuruogu, Shana Cox, Kelly Massey, Anyika Onuora, athletics, women's 4x400m relay.
Day 10 - Asha Philip, Bianca Williams, Jodie Williams, Ashleigh Nelson, athletics, women's 4x100m relay.
Day 10 - Chris Langridge and Peter Mills, badminton, men's doubles.
Day 10 - Gabby Adcock and Lauren Smith, badminton, women's doubles.
Day 10 - Sally Scott, athletics, women's pole vault.
Day 10 - Hannah Starling, diving, women's 3m springboard.
Day 10 - Liam Pitchford, table tennis, men's singles.
Day 11 - George Pinner, Dan Fox, Barry Middleton, Henry Weir, Ashley Jackson, Simon Mantell, Harry Martin, Nick Catlin, Alastair Brogdon, Michael Hoare, David Condon, Mark Gleghorne, Phil Roper, Adam Dixon, Iain Lewers, Ollie Willars, men's hockey.
Day 11 - Daryl Selby and James Willstrop, squash, men's doubles.
Day 11 - Scott Thwaites, cycling, men's road race.

Southampton Social Clubs Presentation evening

ST DENYS CONSERVATIVE D: Simmonds Crib Cup Team KO winners. Order no: 19026465

WOOLSTON T & L: Simmonds Crib Cup Team KO runners-up. Order no: 19026471

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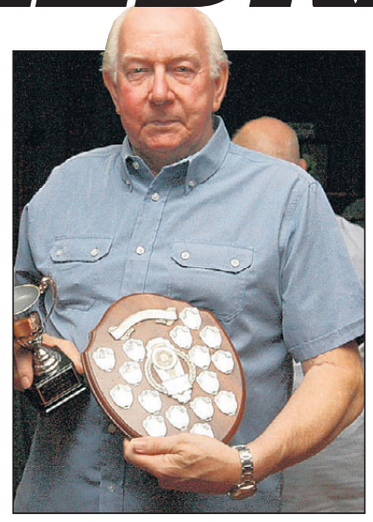
POKER PAIRS KO RUNNERS-UP: Andy Brooke, right, and Chris Holland, left. Order no: 19026451



SNOOKER PAIRS KO RUNNERS-UP: Chris Holland (pictured) and Dean Glasspool. Order no: 19026462

SNOOKER PAIRS KO WINNERS (BADGERS SHIELD): Adam Nash, pictured, and Billy Castle. Order no: 19026457

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CHURCHILLS A: Burroughs and Watts Snooker Team KO winners. Order no: 19026481

EASTLEIGH RAIL C: Snooker Burroughs and Watts Team KO runners-up (Stan Fray Trophy). Order no: 19026484

CURDRIGE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION: Pete Marchi Snooker Team KO winners. Order no: 19026504

BITTERNE PARK B: Crib Champions of Champions Winners (Jerry Lovegrove Bowl). Order no: 19026527

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Snooker Super League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Eastleigh Rail C	26	23	2	1	190	70	238
Churchills A	26	23	2	1	178	78	226
C'Ford Central A	26	19	3	4	179	81	220
Park Gate RBL B	26	15	2	9	151	109	183
Sarisbury A	26	14	3	9	146	114	177
Totton B	26	12	6	8	136	124	166
Park Gate RBL A	26	13	0	13	128	132	154
Nursling A	26	10	3	13	117	143	140
Ashlett B	26	9	2	15	119	141	139
Churchills B	26	9	2	15	114	146	134
Romsey Cons B	26	5	5	16	94	166	109
Hythe Social A	26	5	5	16	90	166	105
Churchills C	26	2	5	19	96	164	105
C'Ford Central B	26	0	6	20	78	182	84

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ashlett Club C	26	17	7	2	157	99	198
Bitterne RBL A	26	16	7	3	156	104	195
St Denys Cons C	26	14	6	6	148	112	182
Sarisbury Soc B	26	13	6	7	143	117	175
Follands S&S A	26	12	4	10	138	122	166
Hamble Social A	25	10	7	8	131	119	158
Ashlett Club A	26	11	5	10	129	131	156
Shirley Cons A	25	11	5	9	127	123	154
Romsey Cons A	26	8	6	12	132	128	154
Shirley Cons C	26	9	6	11	126	134	150
Lyndhurst WM B	26	8	7	11	120	140	143
Hedge End C	25	7	5	13	120	130	139
Hamble B	25	6	4	15	108	142	124
Atherley Bowl B	26	0	1	25	61	195	62

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Woolston B	24	22	0	2	89	31	133
Acorn B	24	18	0	6	75	45	111
Bitterne Cons A	24	19	0	5	71	49	109
Woolston C	24	13	0	11	62	58	88
Northam B	24	11	0	13	58	60	80
Eastleigh WM A	24	10	0	14	59	59	79
Totton Rec D	23	10	0	13	57	58	77
Nursling Social C	23	11	0	12	50	65	72
Shirley Cons D	24	9	0	15	54	66	72
Curdridge RBL	24	8	0	16	51	67	67
Netley Central B	24	7	0	17	49	71	63
Bishopstoke Inst	23	8	0	15	46	67	62
Locks Heath A	23	8	0	15	45	70	61
Sway Social	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romsey Cons B	26	18	0	8	77	53	113
Testwood WM	26	17	0	9	77	53	111
Swaythling A	26	15	0	11	76	54	106
Mottisfont	26	14	0	12	71	59	99
Nursling Social B	26	15	0	11	68	62	98
Totton Cons B	26	14	0	12	70	60	98
Woolston Soc D	26	14	0	12	65	65	93
Totton Cons A	26	13	0	13	64	66	90
Salterns WM A	25	13	0	12	64	61	90
Woolston T&L A	24	12	0	12	54	66	78
Bitterne RBL D	25	10	0	15	57	68	77
Hythe Social B	25	9	0	16	57	68	75
Totton Rec C	24	9	0	15	46	74	64
Bitterne Cons C	25	5	0	20	44	81	54

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lyndhurst WM A	26	17	0	8	79	50	113
Fawley RBL	26	17	0	9	76	52	110
Atherley Bowl A	26	17	0	9	73	57	107
St Denys B	26	15	0	11	71	59	101
Salterns WM B	24	14	0	11	70	54	98
Follands S&S B	25	14	0	11	65	60	93
Acorn Soc C	21	14	0	8	60	49	88
Hedge End B	25	13	0	12	62	63	88
St Denys A	24	12	0	12	61	61	85
Sarisbury Soc C	25	10	0	15	56	71	76
Exbury Club	22	9	0	13	55	59	73
Eastleigh WM C	23	10	0	13	49	64	69
Shirley Cons E	23	5	0	18	45	70	55
Ashlett Club D	25	4	0	21	36	89	44

Cribbage Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Warren	26	18	8	135	99	36
Hythe A	26	10	10	128	106	32
St Denys C	26	15	11	126	108	30
C'Ford A	26	15	11	116	118	30
Bitterne Park A	25	13	12	113	113	26
Woolston T&L	25	13	12	110	111	26
Nursling A	26	13	13	110	124	26
Woolston A	26	12	15	121	114	24
Holy Family	26	12	14	117	114	24
Soton Old Bowl	26	12	14	109	126	24
Totton Cons	26	11	16	110	125	22
Shirley Cons A	25	11	14	109	117	22
Shirley Cons B	26	11	15	109	125	22
St Denys Cons D	25	9	16	106	119	18

Division 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Bitterne Park B	27	18	9	133	110	36
Nursling B	27	17	10	130	112	34
Park Gate RBL	27	15	12	119	124	30
Riverside	27	15	12	114	124	30
Acorn B	27	14	13	133	110	28
Eastleigh Rail A	27	14	13	131	112	28
Freemantle	27	11	16	120	115	22
Woolston Cons	27	11	16	112	131	22
Salterns WM A	27	11	16	107	132	22
Totton Rec B	27	9	18	107	136	18

Division 3

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Acorn A	24	18	6	133	82	36
Soton RBL B	24	14	10	112	104	28
St Denys Cons B	24	13	11	113	99	26
Soton RBL A	24	13	11	108	108	26
Ford Sports	24	13	11	107	105	26

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	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Totton Rec A	24	11	13	102	114	22
Woolston B	24	11	13	100	115	22
Netley RBL	24	8	16	101	115	16
Salterns WM B	24	7	17	91	125	14
Eastleigh Rail B	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pool Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Warren	27	22	5	95	38	44
Riverside	26	21	5	85	45	42
Atherley Bowl	27	17	10	77	58	34
Hedge End A	26	15	11	68	62	30
Paultons CC	27	14	13	65	70	28
Woolston T&L	26	13	13	74	54	26
Soton Old Bowl	25	11	14	52	71	22
Hedge End B	26	10	16	63	67	20
Eastleigh WM	25	7	18	39	86	14

Snooker High Breaks

Super League
Billy Castle (Churchills A) 116
Mike Finn (Churchills A) 106
Mike Finn (Churchills A) 102
Ian Pardey (Sarisbury A) 100
Mark Houghton (Eastleigh Rail) 100

Premier Division
Mark Britton (Ashlett C) 67
Matt Windsor (Lyndhurst WM B) 65
Dave Lawler (Hedge End C) 62
Mick Warner (Bitterne RBL A) 62
Steve Tonks (Ashlett Club C) 61

Division 1
Ben Tanner (Eastleigh WM A) 66
Ben Tanner (Eastleigh WM A) 54
Ben Spiers (Acorn B) 48

Division 2
Dan Hunter (Salterns WM A) 65
Steve Smirk (Woolston Soc D) 54
Paul Wyeth (Totton Cons A) 48

Division 3
Mike Proctor (Fawley RBL) 53
Bruce Lawrence (Lyndhurst WM A) 43
Jonathan Wilkinson (Atherley Bowl A) 40

Knockout High Breaks
Mike Finn (Churchills A) 97
Billy Castle (Churchills A) 96
Mike Finn (Churchills A) 94
Dave Mumford (Eastleigh Rail) – 85

TOP BREAK: Billy Castle.

Cribbage high hands

29 hands
Brian Sheath – St Denys Cons D

28 hands
Pete Sweetenham (Salterns WM A)
Gavin Shrimpton (Netley RBL)
John Watts (Nursling Soc B)
Betty Cole (Chandlers Ford)
Lin Mills (Soton Old Bowl)
Jeni Winney (Soton Old Bowl)

Pool 8 Ball Clearances
Ryan Longhurst (Warren Soc)
Adrian Sturgess (Atherley Bowl)
Ben Spiers (Romsey Coms A)
Chris Moulsdale (Woolston T&L)
2 Mike Warner (Bitterne RBL)
Darren Sexton (Atherley Bowl)
Luke Jewell (Warren Soc)
Kevin Ridout (Warren Soc)
Jack Jewell (Warren Soc)
Alex Chircop (Riverside Soc)
Dale Holloway (Atherley Bowl)
Ash Sails (Warren Soc)
Richard Barge (Soton Old Bowl)
Adrin Brewer (Romsey Coms)
Richard Boreham (Hedge End A)
James Page (Paultons CC)
Mike Redman (Paultons CC)
Darren Turner (Atherley Bowl)
S. Voss (Hedge End A)
Pete Dummett (Hedge End A)
Graham Shears (Hedge End A)
Jason French (Soton Old Bowl)
Pete Munday (Riverside Soc)
Ellirt Paul (Romsey Coms)

POKER PAIRS KNOCKOUT WINNERS: Steve Allen and Nick Stanton.

POOL PAIRS KO RUNNERS UP (T HOLLINS CUP): M Smith and A Chircop. Order no: 19026432

MIKE FINN: Snooker Individual KO winner (F Mintrum Cup). Order no: 19026418

ANDY BROOKE: Poker Individual KO winner. Order no: 19026411

TIME TO REWARD

CRIB INDIVIDUAL KO WINNER (TED RICHARDS MEMORIAL): Ben Strangward. Order no: 19026407

POOL INDIVIDUAL RUNNER UP (J SMITH CUP): Jack Jewell. Order no: 19026398

POOL INDIVIDUAL WINNER (CR ROLLASON CUP): Martin Smith. Order no: 19026393

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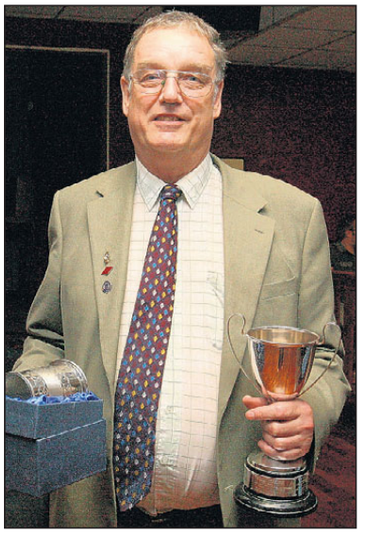
POOL PAIRS KO WINNERS (A BROOKE CUP): Ryan Longhurst, left, and Drew Farminer. Order no: 19026328

SNOOKER INDIVIDUAL KNOCK OUT RUNNERS UP CUP: Dave Mumford.
Order no: 19026423



CRIB PAIRS KO MEW LANGTON CUP: Peter Dance, right, and R Bush.
Order no: 19026437

SPECIAL SEASONS

SNOOKER DIVISION 2 WINNERS (MITCHELL CUP): Romsey Conservative B.
Order no: 19026378

SNOOKER DIVISION 2 RUNNERS UP (WOOLSTON CONS CUP): Testwood Working Men.
Order no: 19026385

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SOTON SOCIAL CLUBS LGE 2014/15

Southampton & District Social Clubs League honours

Snooker

Super League
Winners (New Cup): Eastleigh Railway C
Runners-up (New Runner-up Cup): Churchills A
High break (S Hunt Trophy): Billy Castle (Churchills) - 116

Premier Division
Winners (New Wessex Cup): Ashlett Club C
Runners-up (Wessex Cup): Bitterne RBL A
High break (D O'Brien Trophy): M Britton (Ashlett Club) – 67

Division One
Winners (Purkiss Cup): Woolston T&L B
Runners-up (Richards Trophy): Acorn Social B
High break: Ben Tanner (Eastleigh Working Men) – 66

Division Two
Winners (Mitchell Cup): Romsey Conservative B
Runners-up (Woolston Cons Cup): Testwood Working Men
High break: D Hunter (Salterns Working Men) – 65

Division Three
Winners (Catteral Cup): Lyndhurst Working Men A
Runners-up (P O'Brien Trophy): Fawley RBL
High break: M Proctor (Fawley RBL): 53

Individual knockout
Winner (F Mintrum Cup): Mike Finn (Churchills)
Runner-up (Runners-up Cup): Dave Mumford (Eastleigh Rail)
High break: Mike Finn (Churchills) 97

Pairs Knockout
Winners (Badger Shield): Adam Nash and Billy Castle (Churchills)
Runners-up (Runners-up Shield) Chris Holland and Dean Glasspool (Nursling Social)

Burroughs & Watts Cup
Winners (Burroughs & Watts Shield): Churchills A
Runners-up (Stan Fray Trophy): Eastleigh Railway C

Pete Marchi Team Knockout
Winners (P Marchi Cup): Curdridge RBL
Runners-up (T Aldridge Cup): Totton Rec D

Pool

Division One
Winners (Dave O'Brien Cup): Warren Social
Runners-up (T Kitcher Cup): Riverside Social

Individual Knockout
Winner (CR Rollason Cup): Martin Smith (Riverside)
Runner-up (J Smith Cup): Jack Jewel (Warren)

Pairs Knockout
Winners (A Brooke Cup): Ryan Longhurst & Drew Farminer (Warren)
Runners-up (T Hollins Cup): Martin Smith and A Chircop (Riverside)

E Gledhill Cup Team Knockout
Winners (E Gledhill Cup): Hedge End A
Runners-up (D Fry Cup): Atherley Bowls

Crib

Division One
Winners (Martin Cup): Warren Social
Runners-up (Cook Trophy): Hythe Social A

Division Two
Winners (Ex Servicemen's Cup) Bitterne Park B
Runners-up (Bitterne Cons Trophy) Nursling Social B

Individual Knockout
Winner (Ted Richards Memorial) Ben Strangward (Southampton RBL)
Runner-up (A Brooke Salver) B Smith (St Denys Conservative)

Pairs Knockout
Winners (Mew Langton Cup): Peter Dance & R Bush (Sway Social)
Runners-up (Pairs Runners-up Cup): B Paterson & T Burgess (Acorn Social)

Simmonds Cup Team Knockout
Winners (Simmonds Cup): St Denys Cons D
Runners-up (Hudson Trophy): Woolston T&L

M Brooke Team Knockout
Winners (M Brooke Plate): Hythe Social A
Runners-up (M Griffiths Plate): Southampton RBL A

29 Hand: Brian Sheath (St Denys Conservative Club)
Champion of Champions (Jerry Lovegrove Bowl): Bitterne Park B

Poker

Individual Knockout
Winner: Andy Brooke (Shirley Conservatives)
Runner-up: Frank Reeve (Freemantle)

Pairs Knockout
Winner: Steve Allen & Nick Stanton
Runners-up: Andy Brooke & Chris Holland

PREMIER LEAGUE INS AND OUTS

Arsenal

In: Alexis Sanchez (Barcelona) £35m, Mathieu Dubuchy (Newcastle) Undisclosed, David Ospina (Nice) £3m, Calum Chambers (Southampton) About £16m
Out: Lukasz Fabianski (Swansea City) Free, Bacary Sagna (Manchester City) Free, Thomas Eisfeld (Fulham) Undisclosed, Benik Afobe (MK Dons) Loan.
Released: Chuks Aneke, Nicklas Bendtner, Chu Young Park.

Aston Villa

In: Tom Leggett (Saints) Free, Isaac Nehemie (Saints) Free, Philippe Senderos (Valencia) Free, Joe Cole (West Ham) Free, Kieran Richardson (Fulham) Undisclosed.
Out: Marc Albrighton (Leicester City) Free, Nicklas Helenius (Aalborg) Loan, Yacouba Sylla (Erciyesspor) Loan, Samir Carruthers (MK Dons) Undisclosed, Antonio Luna (Verona) Loan, Jed Steer (Doncaster) Loan.
Released: Nathan Delfouneso.

Burnley

In: Michael Kightly (Stoke) undisclosed, Matt Gilks (Blackpool) Free, Steven Reid (WBA) Free, Lukas Jutkiewicz (Middlesbrough) £1.5m.
Out: Junior Stanislas (Bournemouth) Free, Chris Baird (WBA) Free.
Released - David Edgar, Brian Stock, Keith Treacy, Nick Liversedge.

Chelsea

In: Cesc Fabregas (Barcelona) £27m, Diego Costa (Athletico Madrid) £32m, Mario Pasalic (Hadjuk Split) Undisclosed, Filipe Luis (Atletico Madrid) £15.8m, Didier Drogba (Galatasaray) Free.
Out: Tomas Kalas (Cologne) Loan, Wallace (Vitesse Arnhem) Loan, Sam Hutchinson (Sheff Wed) Free, Ashley Cole (Roma) Free, Bertrand Traore (Vitesse) Loan, Thorgen Hazard (Borussia Monchengladbach) Loan, Demba Ba (Besiktas) £4.7m, David Luiz (Paris SG) Unconfirmed, Romelu Lukaku (Everton) £28m, Patrick van Aanholt (Sunderland) Undisclosed, Ryan Bertrand (Southampton) Loan, Kenneth Omeruo (Middlesbrough), Frank Lampard (New York) Free, Oriol Romeu (Stuttgart) Loan, John Swift (Rotherham) Loan
Released: Samuel Eto'o, Henrique Hilario, Mark Schwarzer.

Crystal Palace

In: Chris Kettings (Blackpool) Free, Fraizer Campbell (Cardiff) £900,000, Brede Hangeland (Fulham) Fre.
Out: Kagisho Dikgacoi (Cardiff City) Free, Dean Moxey (Bolton) Free, Aaron Wilbraham (Bristol City) Free, Jonathan Parr (Ipswich) Free, Alex Wynter (Pompey) Loan, Kwesi Appiah (Cambridge United) Loan, Jack Hunt (Nottingham Forest) Loan, Jose Campana (Sampdoria) Undisclosed, Osman Sow (Hearts) Free
Released: Neil Alexander, Marouane Chamakh, Daniel Gabbidon.

Everton

In: Gareth Barry (Manchester City) Free, Romelu Lukaku (Chelsea) £28m, Brendan Galloway (MK Dons) Undisclosed.
Out: Magaye Gueye (Millwall) Free, John Lundstram (Blackpool) Loan. Released - Mason Springthorpe, Apostolos Vellios,

Hull City

In: Jake Livermore (Tottenham) £8m, Robert Snodgrass (Norwich) undisclosed, Tom Ince (Blackpool, tribunal), Harry Maguire (Sheffield United) £2.5m, Andrew Robertson (Dundee United) £2.85m
Out: Matty Fryatt (Nottingham Forest) Free, Conor Henderson (Crawley) Free, Cameron Stewart (Ipswich) Free, Mark Oxley (Hibernian) Loan, Robert Koren (Melbourne City) Free
Released: Joe Dudgeon, Abdoulaye Faye, Eldin Jakupovic.

Leicester City

In: Jack Barmby (Manchester United) Free, Matthew Upson (Brighton and Hove Albion) Free, Ben Hamer (Charlton Athletic) Free, Marc Albrighton (Aston Villa) Free, Leonardo Ulloa (Brighton) £8m, Louis Rowley (Manchester United) Free
Out: George Taft (Burton Albion) Free, Lloyd Dyer (Watford) Free, Zac Whitbread (Derby) Free), Paul Gallagher (Preston) Loan, Ben Frempah (Ross County) Free
Released: Marko Futacs.
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Southampton Social Clubs Presentation evening

CRIB DIVISION 3 RUNNERS UP (FARMINER TROPHY): Southampton Royal British Legion. Order no: 19026374

CRIB DIVISION 3 WINNERS (COURAGE AND BARCLAY SHIELD): Acorn Social A. Order no: 19026371

CRIB DIVISION 2 RUNNERS UP (BITTERNE CONS TROPHY): Nursling Social B. Order no: 19026354

CRIB DIVISION 2 WINNERS (EX SERVICEMENS CUP): Bitterne Park B. Order no: 19026351

GLITTERING PRIZES

CRIB DIVISION 1 WINNERS (MARTIN CUP): Warren Social. From left: Dave Rogerson, Brian Stubbs, Gary Hunt, Tom Hollins and Ronald Davison Order no: 19026341

POOL DIVISION 1 RUNNERS-UP (TERRY KITCHER CUP): Riverside Social. Order no: 19026323

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SNOOKER DIVISION 1 RUNNERS UP (RICHARDS TROPHY): Acorn Social B. Order no: 19026367

SNOOKER DIVISION 1 WINNERS (PURKISS CUP): Woolston T and L B. Order no: 19026362

SNOOKER PREMIER DIVISION WINNERS (NEW WESSEX CUP): Ashlett Club C. Order no: 19026349

CRIB RUNNERS UP (COOK TROPHY): Hythe Social A. Order no: 19026346

FOR THE WINNERS

POOL DIVISION 1 WINNERS (DAVE O BRIEN CUP): Warren Social. Order no: 19026321

SNOOKER SUPER LEAGUE RUNNERS UP CUP: Churchills A. Order no: 19026316

SUNDAY HORSE RACING - SEE PAGE 37

Liverpool

In: Rickie Lambert (Saints) Undisclosed, Adam Lallana (Saints) £25m, Emre Can (Bayer Leverkusen) £10m, Lazar Markovic (Benfica) £20m, Dejan Lovren (Saints) £20m, Divick Origi (Lille) £10m, Javier Manquillo (Atletico Madrid) Loan.
Out: Luis Alberto (Malaga, loan), Jakub Sokolik (Yeovil) Loan, Luis Suarez (Barcelona) £75m, Iago Aspas (Sevilla) Loan, Divick Origi (Lille) Loan, Conor Coady (Huddersfield) Undisclosed.
Released - Michael Ngoo, Stephen Sama.

Manchester City

In: Bacary Sagna (Arsenal) Free, Fernando (Porto) £12m, Willy Caballero (Malaga) £6m, Frank Lampard (New York) Loan.
Out: Jack Rodwell (Sunderland) £10m, Costel Pantilimon (Sunderland) Free, Joleon Lescott (WBA) Free, Alex Henshall (Ipswich) Free, Gareth Barry (Everton) Free, Emyr Huws (Wigan)Loan, Andre Wisdom (West Brom) Loan, Reece Wabara (Doncaster) Free.
Released: Alex Nimely.

Manchester United

In: Ander Herrera (Athletico Bilbao) £29m, Luke Shaw (Saints) £27m.
Out: Federico Macheda (Cardiff City) Free, Jack Barmby (Leicester City) Free, Nemanja Vidic (Inter Milan) Free, Alex Buttner (Dynamo Moscow) £4.4m, Patrice Evra (Juventus) £1.2m, Louis Rowley (Leicester) Free, Rio Ferdinand (QPR) Free, Bebe (Benfica) £2.4m
Released: Ryan Giggs.

Newcastle United

In: Ayoze Perez (Tenerife) Undisclosed, Jack Colback (Sunderland) Free, Siem de Jong (Ajax) undisclosed, Daryl Janmaat (Feyenoord) Undisclosed, Emmanuel Riviere (Monaco) Undisclosed, Facundo Ferreyra (Shakhtar Donetsk) Loan.
Out: Conor Newton (Rotherham United) Free, Dan Gosling (Bournemouth), James Tavernier (Wigan) undisclosed, Sylvain Marveaux (Guingamp) Loan, Mathieu Dubuchy (Arsenal) Undisclosed.
Released: Shola Ameobi, Michael Richardson.

Queens Park Rangers

In: Steven Caulker (Cardiff) undisclosed, Rio Ferdinand (Manchester United) Free, Mauricio Isla (Juventus) Loan, Jordon Mutch (Cardiff) £6m.
Out: Tom Hitchcock (MK Dons) Free, Esteban Granero (Real Sociedad) Undislosed, Gary O'Neil (Norwich) Free, Mo Shariff (Bradford) Non-contract.

SAINTS

In: Dusan Tadic (FC Twente) £10.9m, Graziano Pelle (Feyenoord) £8m, Ryan Bertrand (Chelsea) Loan, Saphir Taider (Inter Milan) Loan.
Out: Andy Robinson (Bolton Wanderers) Free, Tom Leggett (Aston Villa) Free, Isaac Nehemie (Aston Villa) Free, Danny Fox (Nottingham Forest) Free, Rickie Lambert (Liverpool) undisclosed, Lee Barnard (Southend, free), Adam Lallana (Liverpool) £25m, Luke Shaw (Manchester United) £27m, Dejan Lovren (Liverpool) £20m, Calum Chambers (Arsenal) £12m, Dani Osvaldo (Inter Milan) Loan, Jonathan Forte (Oldham).
Released: Guly do Prado.

Stoke City

In: Phil Bardsley (Sunderland) Free, Steve Sidwell (Fulham) Free, Mame Biram Diouf (Hannover) Free, Dionatan Teixeira (Banska Bystrica) Undisclosed, Bojan Krkic (Barcelona) Undisclosed
Out: Michael Kightly (Burnley) undisclosed.
Released: Juan Agudelo, Matthew Etherington.

Sunderland

In: Jordi Gomez (Wigan Athletic) Free, Billy Jones (West Bromwich Albion) Free, Costel Pantilimon (Manchester City) Free, Patrick van Aanholt (Chelsea) Undisclosed, Jack Rodwell (Manchester City) £10m
Out: Billy Knott (Bradford City) Free, Phil Bardsley (Stoke City) Free, Craig Gardner (West Bromwich Albion) Free, Jack Colback (Newcastle United) Free, John Egen (Gillingham) Free, Kieren Westwood (Sheffield Wed) Free, Jordan Pickford (Bradford) Loan, Ignacio Scocco (Newell's Old Boy's) £2.1m.
Released: Carlos Cuellar, Andrea Dossena, Oscar Ustari, David Vaughan.

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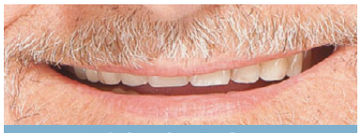

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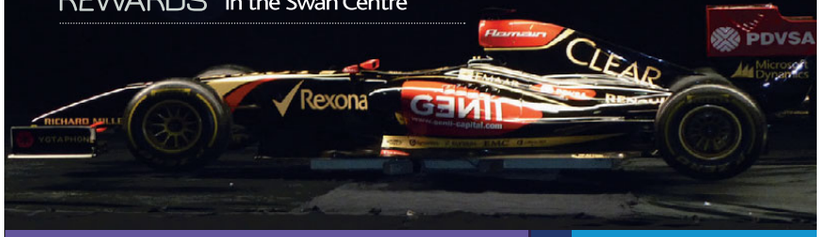

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PREMIER LEAGUE - 6 TO WATCH IN 2014/15

ANDER HERRERA (Manchester United) - United's struggles last term saw more questions than ever being asked about the quality of their midfield. Herrera has been brought in this summer as a potential answer and the Spaniard has already made an impressive start to life with his new club, shining on his debut against the Los Angeles Galaxy.

FERNANDINHO (Manchester City) - The midfielder has had a disappointing summer as part of a Brazil side whose home World Cup campaign spectacularly imploded, but prior to that he was a relatively unsung hero of City's Premier League title-winning effort last term and will be eager to deliver the goods once more.

DIEGO COSTA (Chelsea) - At least as many, if not more, questions were being asked about Chelsea's forward line as about Manchester United's midfield last season. Enter Spain striker Costa, who had a disappointing World Cup but has been in scintillating form over the past couple of years for Atletico Madrid and looks set to ravage Premier League defences in the coming campaign following his switch to Stamford Bridge.

CESC FABREGAS (Chelsea) - Spain midfielder Fabregas left Arsenal for Barcelona in 2011 as a true Premier League star. It will be interesting to see whether he can reclaim that status having joined Chelsea this summer, and only aged 27, he still has plenty to offer.

ALEXIS SANCHEZ (Arsenal) - Another major signing for the Gunners following on from the capture last summer of Mesut Ozil, forward Sanchez arrived in July off the back of an eye-catching contribution to Chile's fine effort at the World Cup.

HUGO LLORIS (Tottenham) - One of the Premier League's most impressive keepers last season, at 27 the France international is also still fairly young and with Michel Vorm being recruited by Mauricio Pochettino this summer, Lloris will no doubt be keen to keep up his performance levels this term.

Non-league Football

REID ALL ABOUT IT

ANYBODY who has seen Paul Reid in pre-season action for Eastleigh already knows that the club's central defensive ranks have been freshly bolstered by a seriously combative force.

As Reid contemplates the prospect of things becoming more competitive, it doesn't leave you envious of the Nuneaton attackers lining up against him on the first day of the Spitfires' debut season at Conference Premier Level, ***writes PAUL McNAMARA***.

"Pre-season's a necessity, but I don't really enjoy it if I'm honest," he said this week.

"It's not the running and the hard work.

"It's the fact that the games aren't the same as the league games – people do things they wouldn't normally do, and that includes in our team.

"You'll see a different team come Saturday. I expect it to be a lot more competitive, a lot more frenetic. Everything's just more full-blooded."

Don't, however, make the mistake of thinking that Reid is merely a robust, physical footballer, with just one way of approaching each 90-minute assignment.

"You have to play different ways against different people. There will be times when there's a big lad up front who you can't dominate, and you have to play loose around him. I like to think I have enough game experience to recognise that.

"If I make a mistake it won't be through lack of effort, and that can take you a long way.

"People can forgive you anything if they see that you're giving it your all.

"I will literally give everything I can to help the team and keep the ball out of our net."

The 32-year-old's adaptability and footballing intelligence can perhaps be traced back to the summer of 2000, a time when the then teenager was reflecting on his breakthrough into the first-team at Carlisle United.

Plenty of illustrious observers had taken note of the youngster slotting seamlessly into the hurly-burly of league football.

Some big-hitting clubs expressed interest in acquiring the Reid's services.

It was Glasgow Rangers, though, in the midst of a period of financial excess for which the Scottish giants would ultimately pay such a heavy toll, who landed the emerging defensive talent.

"At the time I had broken into Carlisle's first-team, played about twenty games and done really, really well," Reid recalled.

"That summer came around and there was a lot of interest.

"I went to Singapore with Leeds United for a week. Newcastle United and Preston North End both put in offers for me. Aston Villa, as well, showed interest.

"Rangers came in and, to be honest, with me being quite young and naïve, they came in with the biggest bid (£600,000) and I was, not forced by the club (Carlisle), but persuaded by the club to go that way.

"I certainly don't regret the move. Even though it didn't really work out, if I had my time again I'd probably do the same.

"I don't think, at that age, you can turn down that kind of opportunity'.

Of the 'top, top players' on the Rangers staff under then manager Dick Advocaat, Ronald de Boer, Fernando Ricksen and Peter Lovenkrands, among others, arrived at Ibrox in the same summer as Reid, with £12m Tore Andre Flo following soon after.

In such gilded company, Reid

COMBATIVE FORCE: Paul Reid in action for Barnsley.

Ex-Ranger Paul is ready for Conference battle

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Non-league Football

– SPITFIRES' STAR

'People forgive you anything if they see you're giving your all. I will give everything I can to keep the ball out of our net'

knew that making an impression in his new environment would represent a significant challenge.

He didn't reckon, though, on his new boss seemingly not knowing his name.

"I still to this day don't know if it was banter from him (Advocaat), but it didn't seem like it was. He was quite a serious guy. The lads would constantly take the mick out of me, because every time the gaffer walked past he would call me Peter.

"Whether he thought he'd signed Peter Reid (the ex-Everton and England midfielder) or not, I don't know.

"At that time, Rangers were such a big club and had so many players that I was irrelevant, if I'm honest.

"Now if Rangers paid that kind of money for anyone he'd be one of their main players.

"Back then, the money they paid me, I was nothing. I was just another number."

Despite his struggles under the Dutchman, Reid considers his time north of the border to have been valuable in his playing evolution – not least because of the priceless chance it offered to work with some genuine stars of the world game.

"Originally I was just training with the under-18s and reserve squad.

"I did get promoted to train with the first-team on quite a number of occasions – and for a prolonged spell, especially under Alex McLeish (Advocaat's successor as Rangers boss).

"Just to see the manner in which real top players train and conduct themselves, although I've never been able to quite get to that level, I picked up a lot of good habits."

Mikel Arteta, Andrei Kanchelskis, Giovanni van Bronckhorst and De Boer are namechecked by Reid as being standout performers on Rangers' plush Murray Park training fields, a 'great' facility that was opened during his time at the club.

Nevertheless, the youngster's initially rapid development on the pitch was being stunted.

"The fact that I didn't have an agent or somebody properly looking after me at the time, meant that I went from playing in the Carlisle first-team, albeit in League Two (then called Division Three) in front of 5,000 people, – which was proper football - to playing in an under-18 team at Rangers on a Saturday morning in front of fifty people.

"It was tough. I'd got the taste of what I would call proper football on a Saturday at 3pm, men's football.

"To then be put back into youth team football, it was tough to swallow. That hindered rather than helped me."

Eighteen months after Reid's move to Scotland, Preston offered him the chance, on a temporary basis, to play some league football – but his extended spell of competitive inaction would cost the one-time capped England under-19 man the chance to cement something long-term in Lancashire.

"Preston had been interested in me before I went to Rangers, so when I was made available to go on loan David Moyes (then in charge at Deepdale) took me.

"I managed to play one game, we won (4-2 against Sheffield Wednesday) and I scored.

"You would imagine then that I've done all right, and might get a little run in the team.

"But, if I'm honest, I'd gone from playing youth team football at Rangers, to the Championship in England.

"I wasn't ready for it.

"Even the game I played, I did do well but, in truth, some of the guys got back fit that week and, looking back now, I can understand why I didn't get a run in the side.

"I simply wasn't ready.

"I'd only played 20-odd games for Carlisle and then spent a long time at Rangers playing youth football.

"To go from that into the Championship, which is a really strong

EASTLEIGH MANAGER: Richard Hill.

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BOOK of the WEEK

Bob Paisley: Smile On Me And Guide My Hand – by John Keith

Sports book of the month price: £6.99 saving £3.00 on rrp

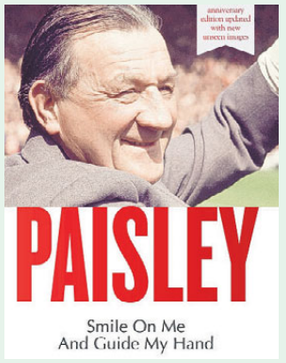
EMLYN Hughes almost had it – the truth behind manager Bill Shankly's resignation.

The man who twice lifted the European Cup as Liverpool captain recalled the shaven-headed Scot telling him: "Sit down, son, I want to tell you the real reason why I left the club."

Then the doorbell rang, it was one of Shankly's daughters with two grandchildren, and the moment was lost for ever.

This handsome biography sheds no further light on one of football's great mysteries, but it does noble service to Bob Paisley, thrust so unwillingly into the role of Shankly's successor.

When Sir Alex Ferguson passed on the baton last season to David Moyes, unsuccessfully as it happens, the time for change at



Manchester United was overdue.

When Shankly quit in July, 1974, the bombshell was fresh from a mesmerising 3-0 FA Cup final victory at Wembley over an outclassed Newcastle United team that had been lucky to get nil.

The previous season Liverpool had celebrated the League Championship and UEFA Cup double.

Paisley inherited a maturing side, including Kevin Keegan, thirsting for greater success – and he delivered spectacularly: 19 trophies in nine seasons and records galore, including a run of 85 unbeaten home games in all competitions spanning three years from January 1978 to January 1981.

Veteran Liverpool watcher John Keith has done a comprehensive job and teased out golden nuggets galore.

Alan Hansen possesses the acumen to sum up why Paisley was a serial winner: "Everyone thought of him as a favourite uncle but he was also a ruthless manager. He never showed any sentiment, just picked his best 11. He kept everyone fresh, hungry and motivated. There was never any danger of complacency while he was there."

Bob Paisley looked to the heavens and offered up a prayer when he took the job: "Smile on me and guide my hand."

And then he fashioned a side around Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness and Alan Hansen to produce football fit for the Gods.

CONFERENCE INS AND OUTS

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MACCLESFIELD

MANAGER: John Askey

2013/14: 15th

IN – Waide Fairhurst (Lincoln), Adriano Moke (Stockport), David Gonzalez (Triallist)
OUT – Danny Andrew (Fleetwood), Jack Mackreth (Grimsby), Scott Boden (Halifax Town), James Bolton (Halifax)

NUNEATON

MANAGER: Mark Noon

2013/14: 13th

IN – Ben Starosta (Global), Connor Franklin (Alfreton), Jack Dyer (Burton), Jorrin John (Free Agent), Anton Brown (Alfreton), Ryan Quinn (Coventry), James Wren (Tamworth), Magno Vieira (Forest Green), Reice Charles-Cook (Loan – Coventry), Ben Hutchinson (Middlesbrough)
OUT – Wesley York (Wrexham), Lewis Moult (Wrexham)

SOUTHPORT

MANAGER: Martin Foyle

2013/14: 18th

IN – Daniel Lloyd-Weston (Hereford), Stephen Broagn (Forest Green), Richard Brodie (Gateshead), Luke Foster (Lincoln), Scott Kay (Macclesfield), Dominic Collins (Hereford), Micah Evans (Free Agent), John Marsden (Free Agent), Joe Connor (Macclesfield)
OUT – Karl Ledsham (Lincoln), Scott Brown (Grimsby), Aristote Nsiala (Grimsby)

TORQUAY

MANAGER:: Chris Hargreaves

2013/14: 24th (League Two)

IN – Ryan Bowman (York), Angus MacDonald (Triallist), Toby Ajala (Triallist), Courtney Richards (Brighton)
OUT – – Shaun Cooper (Mutual Consent), Joss Labadie (Dagenham and Redbridge), Neal Osborn (Southampton)

WELLING

MANAGER: Jamie Day

2013/14: 16th

IN – Zac Fagan (Arsenal), Ben Jefford (Port Vale), Rod Young (Norwich), Cjris Bush (Hereford), Callum McNaughton (Free Agent), Charlie Gorman (Eastbourne Borough)
OUT – Ross Lafayette (Luton)

WOKING

MANAGER: Gary Hill

2013/14: 9th

IN – Kieran Murtagh (Mansfield), James Clarke (Salisbury), Theo Lewis (Salisbury), Jake Cole 9Free Agent)

WREXHAM

MANAGER: Kevin Wilkin

2013/14: 17th

IN – Blaine Hudson (Free Agent), Wesley York (Nuneaton), Lewis Moult (Nuneaton), Connor Jennings (Scunthorpe)
OUT – Johnny Hunt (Cambridge), Jay Colbeck (Gap Connah's Quay Nomads)

NEW SPITFIRE READY TO GIVE HIS ALL FOR CLUB

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division, was too tough.

"While I was there, David Moyes left to go to Everton. That left me in limbo, because he was the guy that liked me, trusted me, and possibly wanted to sign me.

"Whoever comes in after him, you're starting from scratch and it just didn't happen."

Reid eventually departed Rangers in 2003, spending 18 months with Northampton Town.

From the Cobblers it was on to Barnsley in the summer of 2004, and what would be 'one hundred per cent' the favourite part of the Cumbrian's career.

Reid is honest and forthright, perhaps matter-of-fact, when discussing his Rangers years.

As he talks about a heady spell in South Yorkshire, though, it is possible to sense the former Tykes captain drifting back, going over in his mind a glorious time in his life.

It is unsurprising that Reid should reflect so fondly on a period in which he skippered Barnsley to a League-One play-off final victory over Swansea City.

Twelve days before that 2006 triumph at the Millenium Stadium, Reid scored in the second-leg of a frantic semi-final clash with their rivals from the west of the county, Huddersfield Town.

The memories roll freely off the tongue.

"Getting promoted, and scoring in the semi-final. Winning the final on penalties. Being captain. Going to lift the trophy in front of 60,000 people. In front of family and friends. You don't get better than that for me," he smiled.

"That was by far and away the best time (in his career).

GLORIOUS TIME: Reid looks back fondly on his time as Barnsley skipper

Genuine friends

"The set of lads we had there at the time, I still speak to quite a few of them.

"That goes to show that we were more than just team-mates. We were genuine friends. A lot of them were at my wedding in the summer. We had a really good mix of lads that all got on, all socialised outside of football.

"That carried us a long way. The team spirit was unbelievable.

"The lads were decent footballers as well, and we just had a really good side."

Since leaving Barnsley in 2008, Reid has spent time with Colchester United, Scunthorpe United and back at Northampton.

Upon his contract at Sixfields coming to an end in January this year, the player who now says he "couldn't be happier with life", found himself in an entirely alien situation.

"It was tough. I've been lucky throughout my career that I've been wanted and been offered contracts all the time. It had never been a problem.

"It came to January and I was out of contract. I was offered a few things by both league and non-league clubs, but nothing that excited me. Nothing seemed to be a plan going forward.

"It was all just treading water. I wanted to be a part of something.

"When nothing came up, I completely got my head around the fact that I may have to retire. I lost a bit of heart."

Reid admits that prior to a telephone call in early summer from his now manager, Richard Hill, he knew 'very, very little, in fact, almost nothing' about Eastleigh FC.

Nevertheless, a little over a fortnight after that chat with Hill he was making plans to uproot his family from Wakefield in Yorkshire, in readiness to join the next stage of the Spitfires' ambitious push for league football.

"I received a phone call out of the blue from the gaffer here. I hadn't spoken to him for a long time.

"He sold the place and the plans here to me. I came down, met the chairman, met the gaffer, and they just really sold the place to me.

"They were so enthusiastic. I wanted to be part of something going forward, and feel like I was making a difference."

Settling quickly into a 'house by the coast' and describing family life as 'fantastic', Reid has effortlessly bedded into his new surroundings – and effuses about his new colleagues.

"I've been pleasantly surprised so far. I've been lucky enough to play in the league, and wasn't sure what to expect.

"But, the standard of training, and standard of the lads, I've been really impressed with. A lot of the lads have got league experience anyway, and plenty could play at a higher level."

He is no less clear about the drive that remains within.

"The big thing for me is personal pride. There's no way I'm coming down here, moving my family down here, and coming into training every day, looking at the lads, and not giving it everything I've got. I've got far too much pride for that.

"I'm certainly not coming down here to slack off training and make a fool of myself on a Saturday by not doing things properly, or because of a lack of preparation. No chance.

"My motivation is that I had got my head around retiring.

"This is all a bonus for me. It's something I can really, really enjoy, and hopefully be successful along with it.

"It's too early to talk about where I'd like to take the club, because as a single player it's difficult to do that.

But I'd love to be part of the history of the club. To say that, during my time here, we have progressed, and possibly even got promoted into the league – to say that I was part of a squad that got this club into the Football League ... that would be huge."

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TAKE TRIPLE FOR WINDSOR TREBLE

MIA San Triple clearly relishes the six-furlong course at Windsor and can make it a hat-trick of wins at the Berkshire venue in the Ossie & Hutch Memorial Fillies' Handicap.

Jeremy Noseda's charge was a winner at the track in June and duly followed up last month with a half-length victory over Ginzan.

She made nearly all of the running that day and battled gamely when challenged, showing a really likeable attitude.

She will have to really apply herself again as she lines up off a 6lb higher mark but Mia San Triple has not seen much racing yet and could well have plenty of improvement in the locker.

Parsley has been pretty highly tried so far but should appreciate a slightly easier task in the MacDonald Hotel Windsor Novice Auction Stakes.

Richard Hannon thought this filly good enough to run in Group Two company on her penultimate start and she was hardly disgraced in finishing fourth in the Duchess of Cambridge Stakes on what was quite testing ground at Newmarket in July.

Hannon then decided to take her chance in the Super Sprint at Newbury but after showing some early pace, she was well held by stablemate Tiggy Wiggy in finishing sixth.

She still picked up a nice cheque for her efforts, though, and a victory here would serve as a nice confidence booster ahead of some more possible sales race engagements later in the year.

Dinneratmidnight is the pick in Leicester's Coplow Handicap following a recent Lingfield win.

Ralph Beckett's charge looked pretty smart when winning at Warwick back in April but a competitive York heat, won by G Force, proved beyond him as he finished way down the field after lacking the necessary pace.

Given a break after that May spin, Dinneratmidnight returned to action in the best possible way with a win at the Surrey venue, feeling the benefit of a step back up to six furlongs from the minimum trip.

He sticks at that distance here and appeals as an unexposed runner with plenty of potential.

Don't Stare could be worthy ally in the Daniel Moult 30th Birthday Handicap.

James Fanshawe's four-year-old did not shape too badly upon his return to the turf at Yarmouth last month when fourth behind Genius Boy in a nine-furlong handicap.

Having been dropped another 2lb, the gelded son of Zamindar remains unexposed in this sort of company and should enjoy this slightly longer trip, allied to the prospect of easier conditions.

SELECTIONS:

CURRAGH: 2.35 John F Kennedy, 3.05 Tamadhor, 3.35 Doc Holliday, 4.05 Beach Belle, 4.35 Maarek, 5.05 Dynamite Dixie, 5.35 Pearl Earing.
DOWNPATRICK: 2.50 Cebuano, 3.20 Primroseandblue, 3.50 The Fitz Lady, 4.20 Dashing Lady, 4.50 Tom's Article, 5.20 Point Of Rescue, 5.50 Royal Captain.
LEICESTER: 2.00 Good Contact, 2.30 Henke, 3.00 Don't Stare, 3.30 Dinneratmidnight, 4.00 Bold Spirit, 4.30 Arrowzone, 5.00 Fredricka.
WINDSOR: 2.15 Cabuchon, 2.45 Parsley, 3.15 Some Show, 3.45 MIA SAN TRIPLE (NAP), 4.15 Stolen Story, 4.45 Ree's Rascal, 5.15 Hostile Fire.
DOUBLE: Mia San Triple and Parsley.

WINDSOR — Sunday's runners

Going: Good to Firm

2.15 BETFAIR NOVICE FLAT AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP (FOR NOVICE AMATEUR RIDERS) (CLASS 5). £4,000 added 4YO PLUS 1m 4f Penalty Value £2,496.

1 50-160 **GENTLEMAX (FR) (99) (D)** J Boyle 4 11 0 ..... **Miss T Worsley (3) 8**
2 1445-3 **BERNISDALE (J33) (CD)** J Flint 6 10 11 ..... **Mr H Hunt 4**
3 041245 **TASTE THE WINE (IRE) (10) (D)** B J Llewellyn 8 10 11 **Mr J P Williams (3) 3**
4 305432 **CABUCHON (GER) (17) (D)** P Evans 7 10 9 ... **Miss K F Begley (3) 6**
5 200443 **SUTTON SID (11) (BF)** P Butler 4 10 8 ..... **Miss M Bryant 7**
6 0-2105 **HAMBLE (5)** G Bravery 5 10 7 ..... **Mr M J P Kendrick 1**
7 -03534 **ROYAL ETIQUETTE (IRE) (6) (CD)** Mrs L Hill 7 10 4 **Mr A R Ferguson 5**
8 320/00 **CARROWBEG (IRE) (13)** Mrs L Hill 6 10 4 ..... **Miss Page Fuller 9**
9 0/0-05 **SWORDS (25) (D)** R Peacock 12 9 9 ..... **Miss S Peacock (3) 2**

BETTING: 5-2 Cabuchon, 3-1 Sutton Sid, 5-1 Bernisdale, 13-2 Taste The Wine, 7-1 Royal Etiquette, 8-1 Hamble, 20-1 Gentlemax, 25-1 Carrowbeg, 33-1 Swords.

2.45 MACDONALD HOTEL WINDSOR NOVICE AUCTION STAKES (CLASS 5). £4,000 added 2YO only 5f Penalty Value £2,588.

1 61 **IVORS REBEL (97) (D)** D Elsworth 8 13 ..... **L Keniry 4**
2 21246 **PARSLEY (IRE) (22) (D)** R Hannon 8 11 ..... **C Hardie (5) 2**
3 60 **LADY OF ILLUSION (36)** M Usher 8 6 ..... **R Tate (3) 1**
4 **MARIGOT BAY** Miss G Kelleway 8 6 ..... **D Probert 5**
5 **MISS INGA SOCK (IRE)** Eve J-Houghton 8 6 ..... **J Fahy 3**

BETTING: 1-4 Parsley, 9-2 Ivors Rebel, 14-1 Miss Inga Sock, 25-1 Marigot Bay, 33-1 Lady Of Illusion.

3.15 ROYAL WINDSOR RACECOURSE YOUNG HOOVES CLUB MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS 5). £4,000 added 2YO only 6f Penalty Value £2,588.

1 **VENTURA CASTLE** R Hannon 9 2 ..... **Sam Spratt 12**
2 **BOUNTY BAH** M Usher 9 0 ..... **L Keniry 2**
3 00 **MULLIONHEIR (61)** J Best 9 0 ..... **W Carson 4**
4 **LITTLE LORD NELSON** S C Williams 8 12 ..... **A Beschizza 10**
5 **SLEEPING ROUGH** W Kittow 8 12 ..... **M J Murphy (3) 5**
6 05 **COLOURS OF GLORY (IRE) (10)** C Hills 8 10 ..... **F Norton 6**
7 0 **ICKYMASHO (22)** J Portman 8 9 ..... **R Kingscote 9**
8 03 **SOME SHOW (11)** H Candy 8 9 ..... **D Sweeney 7**
9 0 **FLASHY DIVA (47)** H Candy 8 8 ..... **D Probert 13**
10 **ITALIAN BEAUTY (IRE)** T Jarvis 8 8 ..... **S Hitchcott 3**
11 55 **MAZOULA (IRE) (15)** H Palmer 8 7 ..... **N Garbutt (5) 1**
12 6 **ONELASTFLING (16)** S Kirk 8 6 ..... **C Hardie (5) 11**
13 6 **Q TWENTY GIRL (IRE) (13)** M Usher 8 6 ..... **Charlotte Jenner (7) 8**

BETTING: 2-1 Ventura Castle, 5-1 Some Show, 13-2 Ickymasho, 8-1 Colours Of Glory, 10-1 Mazoula, Q Twenty Girl, 14-1 Flashy Diva, 16-1 Italian Beauty, Bounty Bah, Little Lord Nelson, 25-1 others.

3.45 OSSIE & HUTCH MEMORIAL FILLIES' HANDICAP (CLASS 4). £10,000 added 3YO PLUS 6f Penalty Value £6,469.

1 00-600 **LADY GIBRALTAR (37) (D)** T Jarvis 5 9 11 ..... **K Fallon 2**
2 31-062 **ARTISTIC CHARM (22)** D M Simcock 3 9 8 ..... **D Probert 1**
3 23-211 **MIA SAN TRIPLE (13) (CD)** J Noseda 3 9 6 ..... **S De Sousa 4**
4 646166 **SARANGOO (20) (CD)** M Saunders 6 9 4 ..... **D Sweeney 5**
5 25-513 **AMYGDALA (USA) (10) (D)** S C Williams 3 9 3 ..... **G Baker 3**
6 232002 **DANGEROUS AGE (26) (BF)** B W Hills 4 9 2 ..... **R Ffrench 7**
7 21-100 **PERFECT ALCHEMY (IRE) (72) (D)** R Beckett 3 9 1 .. **R Kingscote 6**

BETTING: 5-2 Mia San Triple, 3-1 Dangerous Age, Artistic Charm, 5-1 Amygdala, 12-1 Perfect Alchemy, 16-1 Sarangoo, Lady Gibraltar.

4.15 UNIBET 90+ INSURANCE MONEY BACK MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 5). £4,000 added 2YO only 1m Penalty Value £2,588.

1 **BLUES DANCER** S Kirk 9 5 ..... **L Keniry 2**
2 0 **GLASGOW GAILES (USA) (13)** K Burke 9 5 ..... **G Baker 7**
3 **LE TORRENT** H Candy 9 5 ..... **D Sweeney 4**
4 0 **MARMA'S BOY (23)** R Beckett 9 5 ..... **S De Sousa 1**
5 40 **STOLEN STORY (IRE) (23)** G Margarson 9 5 ..... **K Fallon 3**
6 0 **WHO'STHEDADDY (29)** D Kubler 9 5 ..... **Thomas Brown (3) 5**
7 **SHEILA BELLE (IRE)** J S Moore 9 0 ..... **J Fahy 6**

BETTING: 6-4 Le Torrent, 3-1 Stolen Story, 7-2 Glasgow Gailes, 8-1 Blues Dancer, 12-1 Marma's Boy, 14-1 Sheila Belle, 50-1 Who'sthedaddy.

4.45 DOWNLOAD THE UNIBET PRO APP HANDICAP (CLASS 3). £15,000 added 3YO PLUS 1m Penalty Value £9,704.

1 13015- **MYSTICAL SAPPHIRE (283)** Miss J Crowley 4 10 0 .. **D Sweeney 1**
2 645-41 **REE'S RASCAL (IRE) (71) (CD)** J Boyle 6 9 13 ..... **N Alison (5) 8**
3 450006 **MABAIT (10) (D)** D M Simcock 8 9 11 ..... **K Fallon 5**
4 -00646 **DIRECTORSHIP (12) (D)** P Chamings 8 9 11 ..... **L Keniry 10**
5 -04100 **MYBOYALFIE (USA) (73) (CD)** J R Jenkins 7 9 10 ... **A Beschizza 7**
6 000244 **POSTSCRIPT (IRE) (7) (D)** D M Simcock 6 9 9 ..... **S Donohoe 9**
7 -12600 **WHIPPER SNAPPER (IRE) (30) (D)** W Knight 4 9 4 ..... **G Baker 2**
8 231634 **STARWATCH (24) (CD)** J Bridger 7 9 0 ..... **W Carson 4**
9 520-65 **EVIDENT (IRE) (68)** J Noseda 4 8 13 ..... **S De Sousa 12**
10 -21062 **BOWIE BOY (IRE) (11) (D)** R Beckett 3 8 11 ..... **R Kingscote 6**
11 303400 **MR MATTHEWS (IRE) (50)** K Burke 3 8 8 ..... **R Ffrench 11**
12 516020 **SOLO HUNTER (15) (D)** P Evans 3 8 6 ..... **D Probert 3**

BETTING: 7-2 Ree's Rascal, 5-1 Mystical Sapphire, 6-1 Postscript, Bowie Boy, 8-1 Evident, 10-1 Directorship, 12-1 Starwatch, Myboyalfie, 14-1 others.

5.15 ESSENSUALS HAIRDRESSING ROYAL WINDSOR LADIES NIGHT HANDICAP (CLASS 5). £4,000 added 3YO PLUS 1m 2f Penalty Value £2,588.

1 163632 **CHORAL FESTIVAL (13) (CD)** J Bridger 8 9 11 ..... **W Carson 6**
2 0-0111 **HOSTILE FIRE (IRE) (13) (C)** E De Giles 3 9 9 ..... **D J Bates (3) 3**
3 604 **ELITE FORCE (IRE) (31)** R Charlton 3 9 5 ..... **G Baker 2**
4 453-02 **THIS IS THE DAY (24)** C Fellowes 3 9 5 ..... **K Fallon 4**
5 42-055 **LACOCK (16)** H Candy 3 9 1 ..... **D Sweeney 5**
6 0-2055 **URBAN SPACE (6) (CD)** J Flint 8 8 11 ..... **L Keniry 1**

BETTING: 5-2 Hostile Fire, 3-1 Elite Force, 4-1 This Is The Day, 9-2 Choral Festival, 7-1 Lacock, 10-1 Urban Space.

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Going: Good to Firm

2.00 BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 4). £8,000 added 2YO only 7f Penalty Value £5,175.

1 60 **ABLE MATE (27)** C Cox 9 5 ..... **A Kirby 5**
2 60 **AKAVIT (IRE) (34)** E De Giles 9 5 ..... **O Murphy 8**
3 00 **BEST ENDEAVOUR (18)** W Muir 9 5 ..... **M Dwyer 10**
4 2 **GOOD CONTACT (USA) (30)** S Bin Suroor 9 5 ..... **C Catlin 1**
5 **MUTASAYYID** R Hannon 9 5 ..... **T Queally 6**
6 **PLEIADES** Sir M Stoute 9 5 ..... **R L Moore 7**
7 3 **WONDER OF QATAR (IRE) (39) (BF)** R Hannon 9 5 ..... **S Levey 9**
8 00 **YUKON GOLD (10)** C Appleby 9 5 ..... **A Ajtebi 3**
9 0 **COOLCALMCOLLECTED (IRE) (44)** C Wall 9 0 ..... **A Morgan (3) 2**
10 0 **ROXIE LOT (24)** Mrs P Sly 9 0 ..... **S Craine 4**

BETTING: 5-4 Good Contact, 9-2 Mutasayyid, 6-1 Pleiades, 7-1 Wonder Of Qatar, 12-1 Coolcalmcollected, 14-1 Best Endeavour, 16-1 Able Mate, Yukon Gold, 25-1 others.

2.30 KUBE EXHIBITION CENTRE SELLING STAKES (CLASS 5). £4,000 added 3 to 4YO 7f Penalty Value £2,588.

1 464213 **CAPE OF HOPE (IRE) (9) (D)** D Nicholls 4 9 7 ..... **A Nicholls 2**
2 -50000 **ASSEMBLY (15)** M Rimell 4 9 2 ..... **D Costello 1**
3 326625 **INKERMAN (IRE) (15) (BF)** J Osborne 4 9 2 ..... **A Kirby 5**
4 455061 **HENKE (IRE) (11) (CD)** N Tinkler 3 9 1 ..... **A Mullen 4**
5 **BRIAN THE LION** S A Harris 3 8 10 ..... **O Murphy 3**
6 364423 **CHANCEUSE (3) (BF)** Miss G Kelleway 3 8 10 ..... **S W Kelly 6**

BETTING: 7-4 Cape of Hope, 2-1 Inkerman, 9-2 Henke, 7-1 Chanceuse, 14-1 Brian The Lion, 16-1 Assembly.

3.00 DANIEL MOULT 30TH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (CLASS 4). £10,000 added 3YO PLUS 1m 2f Penalty Value £6,301.

1 3-1220 **RED WARRIOR (IRE) (30) (D)(BF)** I Mohammed 4 10 0 **L Steward (5) 2**
2 145-40 **HEADLINE NEWS (IRE) (29) (C)(D)** R Guest 5 9 11 ..... **C Catlin 6**
3 3-0355 **NOBLE GIFT (29)** W Knight 4 9 11 ..... **A Kirby 7**
4 40-052 **MONSIEUR RIEUSSEC (18)** J Portman 4 9 11 ..... **T Queally 4**
5 21-343 **DON'T STARE (32)** J Fanshawe 4 9 11 ..... **S W Kelly 8**
6 004233 **ARTFUL PRINCE (22) (D)** J Given 4 9 6 ..... **D Swift 3**
7 1-4204 **GOTHIC (36) (C)(BF)** Sir M Stoute 3 9 4 ..... **R L Moore 5**
8 -60113 **MARTINAS DELIGHT (USA) (37) (D)(BF)** T Jarvis 4 9 2 . **R Winston 1**
9 046-16 **ALL TALK N NO DO (IRE) (71)** S Durack 3 8 11 ..... **P Cosgrave 9**

BETTING: 4-1 Gothic, 9-2 Artful Prince, 5-1 Don't Stare, 6-1 Monsieur Rieussec, 7-1 Martinas Delight, Red Warrior, 10-1 Headline News, Noble Gift, 16-1 All Talk N No Do.

3.30 COPLOW HANDICAP (CLASS 3). £15,000 added 3YO only 6f Penalty Value £9,452.

1 310331 **HIGHLAND ACCLAIM (IRE) (8) (D)** D O'Meara 9 11 ... **D Tudhope 2**
2 -21412 **BOY IN THE BAR (14) (D)(BF)** T D Barron 9 6 ..... **R Winston 4**
3 3-4500 **CHARLES MOLSON (30) (BF)** H Candy 9 5 ..... **B A Curtis 5**
4 015034 **PIAZON (14) (D)** M Bell 9 5 ..... **L Steward (5) 9**
5 101522 **BASIL BERRY (30) (D)** C Dwyer 9 3 ..... **C Beasley (3) 1**
6 052110 **FOXY CLARETS (IRE) (15) (D)** R Fahey 9 2 ..... **T Hamilton 10**
7 101 **DINNERATMIDNIGHT (27) (D)** R Beckett 9 2 ..... **R L Moore 6**
8 05-215 **MAJOR JACK (15) (D)** R Charlton 8 13 ..... **O Murphy 8**
9 321210 **GROUNDWORKER (IRE) (25) (BF)** S Kirk 8 8 ..... **R Tart (3) 3**
10 313215 **ROYAL BRAVE (IRE) (8) (D)** W Muir 8 5 ..... **M Dwyer 11**
11 003-51 **CORDIAL (18) (C)** S C Williams 8 5 ..... **L Morris 7**

BETTING: 4-1 Dinneratmidnight, 9-2 Boy In The Bar, 6-1 Highland Acclaim, 7-1 Major Jack, 8-1 Basil Berry, 10-1 Cordial, Piazon, 12-1 Foxy Clarets, Charles Molson, 14-1 others.

4.00 BLABY HANDICAP (CLASS 5). £5,000 added 3YO only 6f Penalty Value £3,234.

1 -16422 **CASTORIENTA (11) (D)** G Baker 9 8 ..... **P Cosgrave 8**
2 1-0256 **PENNINE WARRIOR (23)** S Dixon 9 7 ..... **L Morris 10**
3 2-3253 **BOLD SPIRIT (17)** R Hannon 9 7 ..... **R L Moore 7**
4 31-420 **THREE PIPS (179) (D)** E McMahon 9 6 ..... **R Winston 1**
5 -13530 **DYNAMO WALT (IRE) (5)** D Shaw 9 5 ..... **D Swift 4**
6 033043 **SPREADABLE (IRE) (16) (D)** N Littmoden 9 4 ..... **O Murphy 2**
7 002005 **CLEVER MISS (33)** A McCabe 9 3 ..... **D Brock (5) 9**
8 -16630 **TWO SHADES OF GREY (IRE) (45) (D)** R Fahey 9 2 ... **T Hamilton 6**
9 424454 **INJAZ (3)** K Ryan 8 12 ..... **K Stott (5) 3**
10 5300 **ECLIPTIC SUNRISE (6)** D Donovan 8 8 ..... **C Beasley (3) 5**

BETTING: 11-4 Bold Spirit, 3-1 Castorienta, 7-1 Spreadable, 8-1 Two Shades Of Grey, Injaz, 10-1 Clever Miss, 12-1 Pennine Warrior, 14-1 Dynamo Walt, 16-1 others.

4.30 BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT LEICESTER HANDICAP (CLASS 5). £5,000 added 3YO PLUS 1m Penalty Value £3,234.

1 000002 **ROCKET RONNIE (IRE) (12) (D)** D Nicholls 4 10 0 ..... **A Nicholls 3**
2 0-5161 **SWEET MARTONI (43) (D)** W Knight 4 10 0 ..... **T Queally 7**
3 0-1103 **ARROWZONE (69) (D)** G Moss 3 9 7 ..... **A Kirby 1**
4 030121 **FOR SHIA AND LULA (IRE) (17) (D)** D Loughnane 5 9 7 **J McDonald 4**
5 041105 **RUN FAT LASS RUN (27) (D)** P Kirby 4 9 5 ..... **C Beasley (3) 8**
6 103142 **COMANCHERO (IRE) (16) (D)** A Balding 3 9 1 ..... **O Murphy 6**
7 1-3530 **ARGOT (36)** A Carson 3 8 13 ..... **L Morris 5**
8 105-53 **SKYFIRE (10) (D)** N Kent 7 8 11 ..... **Natalia Gemelova (3) 2**

BETTING: 3-1 Sweet Martoni, 7-2 Rocket Ronnie, 4-1 For Shia And Lula, 5-1 Comanchero, 10-1 Argot, Run Fat Lass Run, 12-1 Arrowzone, 14-1 Skyfire.

5.00 ROTHERBY HANDICAP (CLASS 6). £4,000 added 3YO PLUS 5f Penalty Value £2,588.

1 660651 **MAJESTIC MANANNAN (IRE) (14) (D)** D Nicholls 5 9 13 **A Nicholls 9**
2 426611 **FREDRICKA (13) (D)** G Moss 3 9 9 ..... **J Hart 5**
3 002043 **ONLY TEN PER CENT (IRE) (15) (D)** J R Jenkins 6 9 9 .... **A Kirby 1**
4 260300 **SOLEMN (37) (D10)** J Bradley 9 9 8 ..... **O Murphy 8**
5 -35043 **GOLD CLUB (17)** E McMahon 3 9 5 ..... **R Winston 7**
6 364633 **PULL THE PIN (IRE) (6) (D)** Miss A Stokell 5 9 1 ..... **C Bishop (3) 2**
7 654-50 **AYA'S GIFT (11)** Ed Walker 3 9 0 ..... **L Morris 4**
8 /03150 **INCOMPARABLE (20) (D)** S Dixon 9 8 12 ..... **M Hopkins (5) 6**
9 50405- **TIME FOR CRABBIES (IRE) (326)** Mrs L Williamson 4 8 12 **C Beasley (3) 3**
10 -10063 **MINTY JONES (11)** M Mullineaux 5 8 11 ..... **R Tart (3) 10**

BETTING: 3-1 Majestic Manannan, 9-2 Fredricka, 5-1 Pull The Pin, 6-1 Gold Club, 7-1 Only Ten Per Cent, 10-1 Solemn, 12-1 Minty Jones, Incomparable, 20-1 others.

Football Spot: Gossip, News & Moves!

Premier League ins and outs ...

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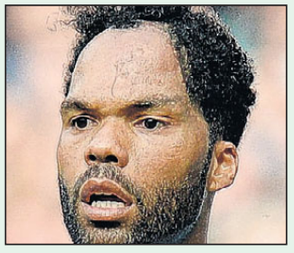
Swansea City

In: Lukasz Fabianski (Arsenal) Free, Bafetimbi Gomis (Lyon) Free, Marvin Emmes (Middlesbrough) Free, Gylfi Sigurdsson (Tottenham) Undisclosed, Jefferson Montero (Monarcas Morelia Undisclosed.
Out: Ben Davies (Tottenham) Undisclosed, Michel Vorm (Tottenham) Undisclosed, Alejandro Pozuelo (Rayo Vallecano) Undisclosed.
Released - Leroy Lita, Jernade Meade, David Ngog, Darnel Situ.

Tottenham Hotspur

In: Ben Davies (Swansea) Undisclosed, Michel Vorm (Swansea) Undisclosed, Eric Dier (Sporting Lisbon) £4m.
Out: Heurelho Gomes (Watford) Free, Jake Livermore (Hull) £8m, Gwiom Edwards (Crawley) Undisclosed, Kenny McEvoy (Peterborough) Loan, Gylfi Sigurdsson (Swansea) Undisclosed, Alex Pritchard (Brentford) Loan, Kenny McEvoy (Peterborough), Jordan Archer (Northampton) Loan, Shaquile Coulthirst (Southend) Loan, Iago Falque (Genoa) Undisclosed.
Released: Cameron Lancaster



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In: Craig Gardner (Sunderland) Free, Joleon Lescott (Man City) Free, Chris Baird (Burnley) Free, Andre Wisdom (Liverpool) Loan, Brown Ideye (Dynamo Kiev) £10m, Cristian Gamboa (Rosenborg) Undisclosed, Jason Davidson (Heracles) Undisclosed.
Out: Billy Jones (Sunderland) Free, Liam Ridgewell (Portland Timbers) Free, Steven Reid (Burnley) Free, Cameron Gayle (Shrewsbury) Free, George Thorne (Derby) Undisclosed, Donervon Daniels (Blackpool) Loan.
Released: Scott Allan, Nicolas Anelka, Zoltan Gera, Diego Lugano.

West Ham United

In: Mauro Zarate (Velez Sarsfield) Undisclosed, Cheikhou Kouyate (Anderlecht) Undisclosed, Aaron Cresswell (Ipswich) Undisclosed, Diego Poyet (Charlton) Tribunal, Enner Valencia (Pachuca) £12m
Out: Joe Cole (Aston Villa) Free, Stephen Henderson (Charlton) Free, Raphael Spiegel (Crawley) Loan
Released: Jack Collison, Callum Driver, George McCartney, Jordan Spence.

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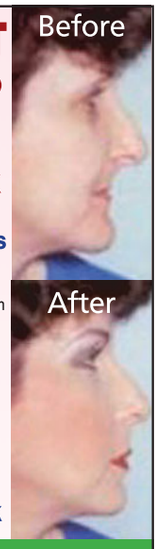

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Middlesbro	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Millwall	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
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Derby Cty	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Sheff Wed	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Reading	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1
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Boco 7, Doyle 79
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McDonald 7
Kedwell 29 pen
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Port Vale 1 Walsall 1
Pope 25
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Garner 89
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Vassell 61
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Higdon 32
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Main 8, Forrester 63
Robinson 90
HT 0-1 Att 5,235

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Doncaster	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3
M K Dons	1	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Swindon	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Bradford	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Bristol C	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3
Chesterfld	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3
Fleetwood Tn	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Crawley	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Peterboro	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Colchester	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oldham	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1
Notts Cnty	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
Port Vale	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Preston	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Walsall	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
Coventry	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0
Crewe	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Leyton O	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheff Utd	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barnsley	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rochdale	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gillingham	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	0
Scunthorpe	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0
Yeovil	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

SkyBet League Two

AFC Wimbledon 2 Shrewsbry 2
Tubbs 26
Rigg 74
Collins 9,84
HT 1-1 Att 4,162

Acc Stanley 0 Southend 1
Barnard 85 pen
HT 0-0 Att 1,505

Bury 0 Cheltnham 1
Hanks 42
HT 0-1 Att 3,376

Cambridge 1 Plymouth 0
Coulson 61
HT 0-0 Att 6,009

Carlisle 0 Luton 1
Cullen 30
HT 0-1 Att 6,766

Dagenham 0 Morecambe 3
Ellison 49
Amond 54 pen
Redshaw 90
HT 0-0

Exeter 1 POMPEY 1
Nichols 27
Wallace 74
HT 1-0 Att 5,694

Newport C'nty 0 Wycombe 2
Murphy 40, Cowan-Hall 44
HT 0-2 Att 3,634

Northmptn 1 Mansfield 0
Mohamed 26
HT 1-0 Att 5,202

Oxford Utd 0 Burton Albion 1
Akins 42
HT 0-1 Att 5,370

Stevenage 1 Hartlepool 0
Whelpdale 60
HT 0-0 Att 3,023

Tranmere 1 York 1
Rowe 90
Lowe 67
HT 0-0 Att 6,287

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Morecambe	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3
Wycombe	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
Burton Albion	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Cambridge	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cheltnham	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Luton	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Northmptn	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Southend	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Stevenage	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
AFC W'don	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Shrewsbry	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1
Exeter	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
POMPEY	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Tranmere	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
York	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
Acc Stanley	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bury	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlisle	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hartlepool	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Mansfield	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Oxford Utd	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plymouth	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Newport C'nty	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dagenham	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

Scottish Premiership

Celtic P Partick P
Postponed - due to Commonwealth Games.

Dundee 1 Kilmarnock 1
Harkins 17 pen
Slater 24
HT 1-1 Att 7,588

Hamilton 0 Inverness CT 2
McKay 10, Christie 25
HT 0-2 Att 1,622

Motherwell 1 St Mirren 0
Erwin 64
HT 0-0 Att 4,620

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Inverness CT	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
Motherwell	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Dundee	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kilmarnock	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
Aberdeen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Celtic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dundee Utd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Partick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ross Cnty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Johnstn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Mirren	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Hamilton	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

TACKLE: Brighton's Kazenga LuaLua (left) is challenged by Sheffield Wednesday's Kieran Lee during their match.

Scottish Championship

Cowdenbth 2 Falkirk 2
Milne 34, Higgins 57
Loy 47, Bia Bi 77
HT 1-0 Att 1,074

Hibernian 2 Livingston 1
El Alagui 16
Oxley 19
Gallacher 60
HT 2-0

Queen Sth 2 Alloa 0
Lyle 8, Reilly 40
HT 2-0 Att 1,635

Raith 3 Dumbarton 1
Watson 56, Conroy 78
Nade 81
Agnew 90
HT 0-0 Att 1,642

Scottish League One

Ayr Utd 1 Morton 0
Donnelly 79
HT 0-0 Att 1,617

Dunfrmline 0 Brechin 0
HT 0-0 Att 2,875

Peterhead 1 Stirling A 1
McAllister 85
G Smith 55
HT 0-0 Att 539

Stenhsmuir 1 Airdrieonians 0
Grehan 87
HT 0-0 Att 728

Stranraer 1 Forfar 1
Longworth 17
Malcolm 64
HT 1-0 Att 409

Scottish League Two

Albion R 2 Annan Athletic 1
Black 49 og, M Dunlop 51
Hopkirk 30 pen
HT 0-1 Att 530

Berwick 1 Arbroath 2
Willis 6
Buchan 53, McManus 60
HT 1-0 Att 590

Elgin 1 East Fife 0
Gunn 71
HT 0-0 Att 654

Montrose 4 E Stirling 1
Campbell 36, Masson 48
Wood 70,90 pen
Wright 83
HT 1-0 Att 315

Queen Park 1 Clyde 2
Miller 58
McKinnon 78 pen
Daly 89
HT 0-0 Att 685

Vanarama Conference

Aldershot 3 Altrncham 1
Williams 10
Roberts 34, Scott 50
Clee 58
HT 2-0 Att 1,964

Alfreton Town 1 Woking 3
Stevenson 14
Morgan 27, Rendell 60,68
HT 1-1 Att 613

Bristol R 0 Grimsby 0
HT 0-0 Att 7,019

Chester FC 0 Barnet 5
Yiadom 4, Cook 19,52
MacDonald 31 pen
Marsh-Brown 57
HT 0-3 Att 2,514

Dartford 1 Wrexham 2
T Bradbrook 51
York 30,78
HT 0-1 Att 1,561

Dover 0 FC Halifax 1
McManus 47
HT 0-0 Att 1,321

Gateshead 3 Torquay 1
Guy 18, Maddison 33,74
Briscoe 89
HT 2-0 Att 1,765

Lincoln City 0 Kiddrmnstr 0
HT 0-0 Att 2,598

Macclesfld 1 Braintree Town 0
Holroyd 15
HT 1-0 Att 1,309

Nuneaton 0 EASTLEIGH 3
Reason 19, Stanley 57
Strevens 74
HT 0-1 Att 935

Southport 0 Forest Grn 1
Hughes 47
HT 0-0 Att 1,023

Welling U 1 AFC Telford 1
Beautyman 67
Platt 36
HT 0-1 Att 611

Vanarama Conference South

BASINGSTKE	0	H Hempstead	1
Boreham W	L	Farnboro	L
Chelmsford	0	Gosport Borough	1
Concord Rgs	L	Bath City	L
Havant and W	1	Bromley	3
Maidenhead U	2	Sutton Utd	1
St Albans	0	Hayes & Yeading	1
Wealdstone	1	Eastbourne Borough	1
Weston-S-Mare	L	B Stortfrd	L
Whitehawk	1	Staines Town	2

Grey panels indicate High-scoring games

Championship round-up

DERBY did just enough to justify their position as Sky Bet Championship favourites when grinding out a 1-0 win over Rotherham at Pride Park.

The visitors put up a stubborn resistance for much of the match but Jeff Hendrick finally broke the deadlock after 82 minutes as the Rams showed they are ready to push for a place in the Premier League again after last-season's play-off final loss to QPR.

Stuart Pearce hit the headlines for all the wrong reasons after a midweek spat with Nottingham Forest's owner over the sale of Karl Darlow and Jamaal Lascelles to Newcastle, before both players were loaned back.

However, there was no hangover from that episode at the City Ground as new signings Michail Antonio and Chris Burke gave Forest a 2-0 win against a beleaguered Blackpool outfit still recovering from a summer exodus.

Middlesbrough began their sixth straight season in the Championship in fine style as big-money summer signing Kike scored on his debut in a 2-0 defeat of Birmingham, with Daniel Ayala also netting.

Wigan are again fancied to make the play-offs but had to rely on a James McArthur strike three minutes into stoppage time to secure a point at home to Reading.

Callum McManaman was on target as the Latics got off to a bright start, but Shaun Cummings and Sean Morrison replied for the Royals in quick succession before the thrilling 2-2 finish.

Troy Deeney showed why a number of Premier League clubs are keen to capture his signature when hitting the back of the net as Watford beat Bolton 3-0, with Matej Vydra and Fernando Forestieri also scoring.

Marc Pugh scored the division's first goal of the day when putting Bournemouth ahead at Huddersfield – see page 3 for full report.

Brighton had Andrew Crofts sent off when going down 1-0 at home to Sheffield Wednesday, with Giles Coke securing all three points.

Igor Vetokele put Charlton ahead at Brentford but Tommy Smith equalised late on for the hosts in a 1-1 stalemate, while Mark Beevers and Shaun Williams netted in a 2-0 triumph for Millwall over Leeds.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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2	1	2	1	L	1	1	1	1	1	L	2	3●	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	3●	2	1

26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
1	1	1	3●	1	1	1	1	3●	L	3●	1	1	L	3●	1	1	1	L	1	2	3●	1	3●
2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	L	3●	1	2	L	1	1	1	2	L	2	2	2	2	1

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